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GREAT BRITAIN.

More Fenian Outrages—Explosive Letters sent to Prominent Government Officers.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27—Noon.

Another of those fiendish outrages which have characterized the operations of the Fenian Brotherhood, has just been perpetrated at Dublin. Telegrams from there received to-day give the following particulars:

An unusually large number of letters have recently been received at the Post-office at Dublin, directed to prominent officials. Each one of these letters was loaded with explosive materials designed to kill the person addressed. Several of them exploded before their real nature was ascertained, but up to this time no person has been killed.

One of the policemen of the city, who received one of these letters was horribly mangled by the explosion which occurred when he opened it.

It is not known how many of these dangerous missives have been dispatched.

Considerable excitement prevails both in Dublin and elsewhere throughout the country on the discovery of this, the latest Fenian outrage. The authorities are actively investigating, and will no doubt probe the matter to the bottom.

The London *Times* this morning has an editorial article on the Fenian question. It says that no less than thirty thousand special constables have been sworn in, and are now serving in London.

The writer calls attention to the grave public danger, and calls on the provincial cities and towns to emulate the precautionary measures of the metropolis.

The London Press on Mr. Dickens' Success in America.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27.

Detailed accounts of the success of Mr. DICKENS' readings in Boston and New-York have been received here by mail, and are published, and and commented upon by the London journals.

The *Times* to-day, in an article on the subject, praises the Americans for their magnanimity in giving Mr. DICKENS such a hearty reception.

ABYSSINIA.

Gen. Napier to Command the Army in Abyssinia.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27.

A dispatch from India announces the departure from Bombay of Gen. NAPIER for Massowah to take immediate command of the troops of the British expedition now advancing into the interior of Abyssinia.

FRANCE.

The Coupons of the Italian Bonds.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 27.

The *Moniteur* to-day contains an official notice to the effect that the coupons of the Italian bonds will be paid.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

The Pope has enjoined the ROTHSCHILDS against paying the coupons on the Italian bonds in this city.

AUSTRIA.

Rearrangement of the Austrian Cabinet.

VIENNA, Friday, Dec. 27.

By the rearrangement of the Austrian Cabinet, Baron von BEUST ceases to be President of the Ministerial Council, but retains the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs, which he has all along held in connection with the former position.

ITALY.

The National Parliament to be Dissolved Jan. 15.

FLORENCE, Friday, Dec. 27.

It is said that Gen. MENABREA has declared his intention to dissolve the National Parliament, now in session, on the 15th proximo, and make an appeal to the country, should another vote unfavorable to the Ministry be adopted before that time.

CANDIA.

Prince Christian to Govern the Cretans.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27.

It is reported that the Sublime Porte has offered to the Cretans an Autonomous Government, and has named Prince CHRISTIAN as its head.

GERMANY.

General Council of the Zollverein.

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

A General Council of the Zollverein, in which all the States of North and South Germany are to be represented for the first time since the late war, will be held in this city in the month of March, 1868.

SAXONY.

Withdrawal of Prussian Troops from Saxony.

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 27.

Prussia to-day commenced withdrawing her troops from all parts of Saxony except the Fortress of Konigstein.

Distillery Burned in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Dec. 27.

The distillery of BOYLE, MILLER & Co., on Second, near Sycamore-street, was entirely destroyed by fire this evening. The building contained a large lot of whisky. The engines had no effect on the flames, which ceased only when the entire structure fell to the ground and nothing combustible was left. Their loss on building, still, machinery and stock is $515,000, on which there is an insurance of $288,000 in New-York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New-Orleans, and the Liverpool and London companies. The fire extended to Nos. 43 and 45 Broadway, owned by JOHN SWANGIE & Co., and occupied by the Ohio Machine Works. The loss on machinery and building is $10,000. The walls of KUHN & Co.'s Tobacco Works were broken in, and the stock was damaged to the amount of $10,000.

DESMONDO'S Exchange and J. N. ADELINO'S clothing store were damaged to the amount of $3,000 each.

P. CHAMBERS, Assistant Chief-Engineer of the fire department, was badly injured in the head by a falling wall.

BOYLE, MILLER & Co. were the largest producers of bourbon whisky in the country.

WEST INDIES.

Santa Anna not Going to Mexico—The War in St. Domingo.

HAVANA, Friday, Dec. 27.

SANTA ANNA denies having any intention of going to Mexico.

The Imperialists here are exultant over the news from St. Domingo. Many engagements have taken place, in which victories are claimed by the Government, but the Baez party is, nevertheless, gaining adherents and strength. The only portion of the island which has proclaimed for BAEZ is the north, where his principal strength lies. BAEZ himself remains at Curacoa.

The Dominican Commissioner PUJOE sails to-morrow for New-York.

JEFFERSON DAVIS leaves to-morrow for New-Orleans.

The brig *Teresita*, at Cardenas, brought the crew of the brig *Jonas Smith*, from Baltimore bound to Matanzas, which was lost the third day after her departure. They were rescued after fourteen days' exposure in an open boat.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The Louisiana Convention.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 27.

The Convention adjourned at 2 o'clock, and reassembled at 5, and is still (9 o'clock) in session. The report of the committee for a draft of the Constitution is still up for consideration.

Protest Against the Alabama Constitution—The Convention Denounced.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Tuesday, Dec. 24.

NICHOLAS DAVIS, a prominent Radical of North Alabama, has published a letter fully indorsing the address of Messrs. SEMPLE, SPEED and others, protesting against the proposed Constitution.

The Huntsville *Advocate*, a Radical organ, calls for the reassembling of the Convention to modify the objectionable features of the proposed Constitution; namely, the clause about schools, the franchise and new registration oaths. That paper says, if the Constitution is not modified, environed as we are, and almost in a state of anarchy, its adoption can only be accepted as a choice of evils, not defended as right and proper; but it is in our power to modify the evils now, and for that purpose call the Convention together again.

The Tuscumbia *North Alabamian* repudiates the nominations by the self-constituted political Convention. The Huntsville *Advocate* repudiates the action of the Radical meetings in North Alabama, and says that the white Unionists are ignored and rejected as unsound. The Conservatives all over the State are arousing, and determined to use every effort to defeat the Constitution.

A Riot at Hampton on Christmas Day—A Negro Shot by a Drunken White Man.

FORTRESS MONROE Wednesday, Dec. 25.

To-day another affray occurred in Hampton by which one man was shot and another almost beaten to death, while several others were injured by flying missiles. About 1 P. M. THOMAS LATTIMER, Deputy Sheriff of Elizabeth City County, who resides in Hampton, had some difficulty with a colored boy some ten or twelve years old, and a colored man came along and took the boy's part. LATTIMER was considerably under the influence of liquor at the time, and after abusing the negro a few minutes deliberately pulled out a revolver and shot him through the head. His wounds were dressed by Dr. MCLAUGHLIN, and although he still lives, but little hopes are entertained for his recovery. As soon as LATTIMER shot the negro he went into his house and locked himself in. The news among the freedmen spread rapidly, and soon a crowd of them began to assemble about LATTIMER's house. Some of the citizens, fearing a riot, endeavored to quell the excitement, but seemingly to no purpose. The riot act was then read, but before it was finished stones were hurled through the windows and a rush was made for LATTIMER's house. He endeavored to escape by jumping through a window, but was met by the mob and beaten almost to death. He was saved by the interference of two or three colored men, who carried him through the crowd to the jail. The riot lasted about half an hour, during which time the excitement was intense. Guns, pistols and stones were used freely, and several persons, non-combatants, were injured. Dr. HOPE is reported to have been shot while dressing the wounds of a colored man, but his wound is not serious. As soon as the riot commenced a messenger was immediately dispatched to the military post about a mile distant, and a guard was at once sent to quell the disturbance.

The Defence of Gen. Custer.

SANDUSKY, Ohio, Friday, Dec. 27.

The *Daily Register* to-morrow will contain a long letter, dated at Fort Leavenworth, from Gen. CUSTER to Col. NETTLETON, of Sandusky, making a strong defence against the charges on which he was court-martialed and sentenced to a suspension from command. He meets the charge of cruelty to his men by saying that while on the expedition, surrounded by savages, his men began to desert. This threatened to leave him with a large amount of supplies at the mercy of the savages. A scheme for desertion was formed by a large portion of the remaining men. Eleven who escaped were seen, and Gen. CUSTER ordered a squad of men to proceed and bring them back. A part of the deserters, who were mounted, fled, and have not been seen since. The dismounted ones raised their carbines to fire on the pursuers when they were fired on in return, slightly wounding three. They were taken with the command in army wagon ambulances, being unserviceable. Gen. CUSTER complains bitterly of the composition of the court that tried him, four members being his inferiors in rank, and one member, a commissary officer, had been censured by Gen. CUSTER for corruption in issuing ration meat, &c., to the soldiers. The General says he was never absent without leave and should again act in a similar manner with deserters under like circumstances.

Defalcation in the Shawmut Bank, of Boston.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 27.

There was some excitement to-day in financial circles on account of a report that the cash of the Receiving Teller of the Shawmut Bank, Mr. BRYANT F. HENRY, fell short to the amount of about $50,000. The following are said to be the facts, so far as ascertained: Mr. HENRY has been absent from the city a week, and his present whereabouts are unknown. The fraud in the account of the Receiving Teller was discovered on Monday last. Two or three days previous, having said that he was obliged to visit Portsmouth for the purpose of settling some business affairs connected with his wife's property, She resides in this city. It is supposed that they stepped across the border into Canada, or went to Europe by steamship. The Shawmut Bank has a capital of $750,000, with a surplus of $150,000, so that this defalcation will not affect the standing of the institution in the least.

Mass Meeting of Chicago Manufacturers.

CHICAGO, Friday, Dec. 27.

The meeting of the Chicago manufacturers at Faunel Hall this evening, to ratify the proceedings of the recent National Convention at Cleveland, was the largest gathering of manufacturers ever assembled in the Northwest. JAMES H. ROWEN presided, and speeches were made by several prominent gentlemen. Resolutions were unanimously adopted, indorsing the action of the Convention at Cleveland.

Resolved, That we urge upon our Representatives in Congress the necessity of taking such action as will afford the necessary relief to the manufacturing interests of our country, which are now burdened and depressed by excessive and unequal taxation.

Fire in Northeast, Md.

NORTHEAST, Md., Thursday, Dec. 27.

One of the McCullough Iron Company's sheet iron-rolling mills, called "Stoney Chase," was destroyed by fire this evening. As the company has four other mills in operation, the fire will interfere but little with their business. The loss was not ascertained.

Wreck of the Steamship Raleigh.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Friday, Dec. 27.

The Captain of the steamship *Ashland*, which arrived here to-day from New-York, reports seeing off Charleston a vessel so low in the water that he could not make out her name. It is supposed to be the wreck of the *Raleigh*.

Murder of Chief-Justice Slough in New-Mexico, by a Member of the Senate.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Dec. 27.

A letter from Santa Fé, New-Mexico, dated the 17th inst., says:

"Chief-Justice SLOUGH was shot by Capt. RYNERSON, a member of the Territorial Senate, last Sunday. The affair grew out of some remarks passed upon Judge SLOUGH by Capt. RYNERSON, during the session of the Senate, which SLOUGH, who was present, pronounced as lies. RYNERSON immediately attacked the Judge, shooting him, and after SLOUGH fell, shooting him again, inflicting a mortal wound, of which he died in three days. Judge SLOUGH was Colonel of the First Colorado Cavalry during the war, and at one time commanded at Alexandria."

JACOB SLOFF, an old citizen of Belleville, Ill., whose wife was recently divorced from him, fatally stabbed both her and himself yesterday.

Hon. WILLIAM G. PETTERS, one of the oldest citizens of St. Louis, died yesterday.

ABRAHAM ABRAHAMS, the rich pawn-broker, who was convicted a short time since of buying stolen property knowing it to be such, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary, has been pardoned by the Governor.

The wholesale grocery firm of CARVER, WENDOVER & Co., of this city, failed yesterday. Their liabilities are said to amount to half a million dollars.

Opening of the Parliament of the Province of Quebec.

QUEBEC, Canada, Friday, Dec. 27.

The opening of the first Quebec Parliament took place at 3 o'clock to-day. A great number of persons lined the street. Among other persons present were the Consuls of France, Spain, the United States, Sweden and Norway and other foreign countries. Col. BLANCHETT was elected Speaker of the Assembly.

Fatal Explosion of a Locomotive at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Friday, Dec. 27.

A locomotive belonging to the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad Company, exploded near Sixteenth-street this morning, killing one man instantly and wounding two others. The locomotive was condemned a year ago, but was kept in use for switching, drawing gravel trains, &c.

Removal of the Directors of the Virginia Lunatic Asylum.

RICHMOND Va., Friday, Dec. 27.

Gen SCHOFIELD, at the request of Gov. PIERPOINT, has issued an order removing the Board of Directors of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum for violating a State law in the disbursement of money, and has appointed a Board of army officers in their stead.

Telegraph Cable Across St. John's River, Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Friday, Dec. 27.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon a cable was successfully laid across St. John's River at this point, and the ancient city of St. Augustine is now in telegraphic communication with the world.

A Woman Fatally Shot at Springfield, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Friday, Dec. 27.

EZRA C. WHITE, of Williamsburgh, in a quarrel this morning, shot Mrs. MARIA L. FRENCH through the head, inflicting a fatal wound. He is now in jail in default of $10,000 bail.

Salvage of the Ship Merrimac and Cargo.

KEY WEST, Friday, Dec. 27.

Salvage on the ship *Merrimac* and her cargo has been declared at $6,000. Her expenses for repairs will be about $600.

Fire in South Boston—Loss $30,000.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 27.

The large furniture manufactory of A. J. DELAFORTE & Co., in South Boston, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is about $30,000; insured for $8,000.

THE ANGOLA DISASTER.

Continuation of the Investigation Before the Coroner.

The following evidence was taken on Thursday morning, at the investigation in Buffalo, of the cause of the late railroad accident at Angola:

Benjamin F. Betts, testified: I live at Tonawanda; am engaged in the wood business; was a passenger on the train thrown from the track of the Buffalo and Erie Railroad at Angola on the 19th; got on the train at Brockton; think it was twenty minutes after two o'clock when I got on the train; think we stopped at Dunkirk about ten minutes; the train ran out of Dunkirk at the usual speed of express trains; no accident or detention occurred until we got to Angola; think we stopped at Silver Creek after leaving Dunkirk; think the train stopped at Silver Creek for about two or three minutes; have traveled over the road before on other express trains; think the train was running at a rate of speed not exceeding thirty miles an hour—its usual speed; as we approached Angola I think the speed of the train was reduced, and gave me the impression we were going to stop; I think the train was running a little faster as we passed Angola, on account of the descending grade, and from any impetus given the cars by the engine; I was in the smoking-car when we passed Angola; the rate of speed of the train was about twenty-five miles an hour between Angola station and twenty rods east thereof; I noticed the rate of speed the train was running at, as I had occasion, in my line of business, to look out frequently for piles of wood; do not think the brakes were applied on the car I was in when we passed Angola; after we passed Angola I felt a trembling motion of the train, and then I felt a relief, as if a connection had been broken; I felt the jar immediately after the accident; I then heard the whistle; did not hear but one whistle; at the time I felt the jar I was in the car; the train had fully stopped, and ran back to the highway bridge; after I jumped from the car I do not think the train ran on more than thirty feet; I think the point where I jumped off the car was thirty rods northwest of the highway; I hastened back toward the scene of the accident; did not feel any tremulous motion to the car I was in when passing over the frog; as I got to the highway bridge I saw the second car; I met a lady and gentleman passing under the highway bridge, and immediately assisted the lady in getting to Mr. Southwick's house; when I got into the house a lady there told me where there were some pails, and I ran and got five milk pails, as I saw smoke coming up from the car which went off the bridge, and it struck me it was on fire; I ran to the burning car and assisted in getting Mr. Patterson out of the wreck; I think everything was done that could be under the circumstances, and all we saved from the wreck that it was safe to get out; the bank was steep, and it was with great difficulty we could work around the car; the car was lying bottom upward, with the lower end nearer the abutment of the bridge than the upper; the door of the car at the upper end was so we could get in and stand upright; the lower end of the car was an indiscriminate mass of broken seats, passengers, timber, &c.; on entering the car to get Mr. Patterson out I saw four persons lying in the wreck, three of them being apparently dead, a fourth one was alive, but died when we tried to assist him; I saw an old gentleman and lady rescued alive; I saw eleven dead bodies taken out of the car, and five who were taken out alive; I went to the burned car before the accident, but did not go in, as I met a lady who informed me the rear car was full; I saw the forward truck of the car, but not the rear one; did not notice that a wheel was broken on the truck; the trucks were lying down the bank about twelve feet from the top of the car; the rear car was about ten feet from the fence; the fence ran along the brow of the creek bank; I helped to tear down the fence to get the wounded through; the distance from the fence to the edge of the creek is, I should think, between eighty and ninety feet; in the car in which I was seated there was a bell-cord passing through; I think the bell-cord was pulled at the time of the accident; I thought I recognized Mr. Stephen Stewart as among those who were in the car while it was burning; I had been introduced to him that day; saw the bodies as they lay at the dead-house; some of the persons I saw at the Soldier's Home were those I saw taken from the wreck; none of the eleven dead I saw we e burned up.

Mr. SMITH, counsel for the Company, stated that the car inspectors at Erie and Dunkirk, and the telegraph operators on duty at Silver Creek and Angola at the time of the accident, were present and would give their evidence when called upon.

John F. Gaston, testified; Was telegraph operator at Silver Creek at the time of the accident; was the operator on duty at Silver Creek, attending upon all communications relative to the New-York express train on the 18th of December; do not know what time the train left Erie or Dunkirk; the train left Silver Creek at 2:49 P. M. on the 18th; I immediately reported over the line the time the train left Silver Creek; did not receive any instructions relative to the train either before or after its arrival at Silver Creek; all passenger trains take wood and water at Silver Creek; the train of the 18th took wood and water, and, I think, stopped about five or eight minutes; we do not note the arrival of passenger trains; could not swear that the clock was correct, but suppose it was; I do not think the clock had been altered for a week previous to the accident; we get reports from Buffalo in order to keep our time correct; I think the day express going east passed Silver Creek nearly on time.

J. M. Newton, testified: Live at Angola; am agent and day operator at Angola station for the Buffalo and Erie Railroad; was there on the 18th instant; received the time from Silver Creek that the New-York express left there; it was prior to the arrival of the train, about fifty minutes after two o'clock; the operator at Silver Creek telegraphed that the New-York express had left there at forty-nine minutes after two o'clock; the train passed Angola at ten minutes after three P. M.; the running time from Silver Creek to Angola is twenty minutes; the time occupied by the New-York express Dec. 18 was twenty-one and a half minutes; it was about a minute behind time; I looked at my clock just as the last car was passing the station; I have every reason to believe my clock was correct; do not know whether I set my clock on the 18th or not; know that there was one day that I failed to correct the time, but cannot remember which day it was; reported all trains by the clock that day, and think it it had been wrong I would have known it; for a week previous to the accident I tried to regulate the clock, as it varied from a half to three-quarters of a minute in a day; I received no instructions that I was to deliver, affecting the movement of the train; I received an order from the train dispatcher for way freight train No. 6 to run so Lake View or Buffalo ahead of the New-York Express; I received the dispatch from J. Desmond, Buffalo; it was about ten minutes after two when I received the dispatch.

Mr. NEWTON was still on the stand at the close of this report, which we take from the Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser*.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Proposed Conference—Public Sentiment in Italy—The Abyssinian Question—The French Budget—Proceedings in the Corps Legislatif—Health of the Pope—Miscellaneous Intelligence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 13, 1867.

In my last I expressed the general belief here that the Conference had received its *coup de grace* from the declarations of M. ROUHER. The Government of His Imperial Majesty, it seems, does not share that conviction. An article published in the *Moniteur du Soir* immediately after the debate resumes in a sanguine tone the grounds on which it hopes the negotiations will be brought to a favorable issue. "Desiring in their earnest sympathy for Italian unity, the oblivion of the hatred and reciprocal distrust which divide Italy and the Holy See, the Emperor and his advisers are anxious to hasten the moment when, its unity constituted, it will comprehend that its *rôle* is to defend the sovereignty of the Pope," and it adds that "they believe that the counsels of Europe will exercise a happy influence in securing the success of this idea of conciliation." If the optimism which suggests such convictions has not been dispelled by the articles of the European journals, and the debates in the Italian Parliament, I shall be tempted to believe that the Emperor and his advisers, in adopting the *syllabus* as the rule of their religious and political faith, have also come to the conclusion that we are entering upon another age of miracles.

But, as before arriving at this, human means cannot be altogether discarded, it becomes necessary to have recourse to some plan by which the preliminary obstacles will be overcome. That which, in the now altered aspect of the question, seems to the Government most feasible, is the neutralization of the Pontifical States on the basis of the territorial *statu quo*. It is asserted that the representatives at Paris of the four Great Powers—England, Russia, Prussia and Austria—who, with France, would naturally exercise the most influence in a conference, have been sounded to know how far this proposition would be likely to be acceptable to their Governments. It is said that all declared that they had no objection to offer to the neutralization of the States of the Church, but that it was observed by two of them, (probably the representatives of England and Prussia,) that the question of the guarantee of this neutrality by means of a Congress, and especially in view of the obligations resulting from the signature of a protocol, presented difficulties that were almost insurmountable. Without such a guarantee, I need not add, the project of neutralization is all moonshine. A mere declaration of opinion would have no binding effect upon the inclinations of the members of the Conference. It would simply be laughed at by Italy, who would see in this very hesitation to complete the formula an encouragement to persevere with her designs.

THE FEELING IN ITALY.

You will have seen by the debates in the Italian Chambers that the fierce "Jamais" of finality, ROUHER, has in no degree alarmed Italian statesmen, and that the Menabrea ministry, no more than its predecessors, is disposed to abandon that cardinal principle of all patriotic Italians—"Rome Capital." The only effect of M. ROUHER's intemperate declarations has been to unite all classes, the Republicans included, on a policy of opportunity. Of the bitter feelings which the acrimonious tone of the debates in the French Chambers has aroused, you can judge from the following brief extracts from the leading journals of Italy. "The Senate has deserved well of the nation" says the Florence *Gazette*. "The Torrearese order of the day is a dignified reply to the intriguing foreigners who dare to assert that Rome shall never belong to Italy. In placing on one side the Italian declaration, and on the other the provocations and insults which come from across the Alps, we arrive at the conviction that Italy will undoubtedly triumph at last, because justice and right are with her, and because the reason and nature of things conquer all obstacles, all sophisms, and all subterfuges. We alluded the other day to the words of GALILEO. Well! the very name of that great Italian citizen—to every one acquainted with history—repeats to the world and M. ROUHER that Rome sooner or later will inevitably belong to Italy." Speaking of the declarations of M. ROUHER, the Piedmontese *Gazette* says: "No example exists of a similar want of judgment in the annals of European Parliamentary history. Never has an Italian spoken of NAPOLEON III. as a French minister dared to speak of VICTOR EMMANUEL." "French policy," says the *Nazione* of Florence, has just been defined in a manner so clear and distinct that an urgent necessity arises for the new tendency of this policy to excite the attention of all Europe in order that it may be known whether the Empire of Charlemagne or that of the Great NAPOLEON is to be inaugurated in Europe under the guise of religion." "To insolent provocations and haughty incivilities," says the Turin *Gazette*, "Italy must reply by the voice of her representatives, and we await from the Chamber of Deputies a proposition of an explicit and equally practical determination, and which should at once be accepted by the Gualterio-Menabrea ministry."

These few extracts suffice to give an idea of the temper which French ministerial indiscretions have aroused among the Italian people. Their effect has been to lose France an ally that might have been invaluable in future complications, to increase the distrust felt in regard to her external policy by the other European Powers, and to saddle her with obligations which are opposed to all her principles and antecedents. How long the French people will be disposed to submit to such a programme is a question which I cannot take upon myself to answer. One thing, however, is certain—that it is not in the power of reactionary influences to fix a remote limit to their endurance.

THE ABYSSINIAN QUESTION FROM A FRENCH POINT OF VIEW.

What a compensation for the dangers that beset him it must be for King THEODORE to learn that he is such an object of disquietude and jealousy to European statesmen. The preparations which are being made by England to invade his territory are of a nature to show that while the wrongs of her subjects are the pretext, the desire of conquest and the wish to strengthen herself are the real objects of the expedition. This being the case, it is not unnatural that French interest in the East should take the alarm. There is not a step taken by either Russia or England in that direction which does not at once arouse public susceptibility here. If I am rightly informed, explanations have already been asked from the Court of St. James on the subject. What the precise nature of the reply is I do not know; but we shall probably learn something definite in regard to it as soon as M. BELMONTET's interpellation comes to be discussed before the Legislative body.

PROPOSED CONFEDERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

The question of a federative union between France and Belgium is beginning to occupy a good deal of attention here. Now that Italy is alienated, it is thought desirable by a measure of this sort, to form a counterpoise to the consolidated strength of Germany. It is intended that the realization of the scheme would not only tend to materially enrich Belgium, but to protect her against all chances of absorption. Isolated as she is between the French and Prussian Empires, she could not, it is said, survive the collision of the two great Powers. There may be some truth in this, but if I have an advice to give Belgium it is to await quietly the contemplated danger. It is to the interest of the other European Governments that she should not lose her independence, and it is better for her to abide the risk than to voluntarily hasten it. Federation with France means nothing but absorption. The invitation to a closer union with her, is merely a repetition of that of the spider to the fly. Let her beware of it.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

The delay in the presentation of the budget of 1867 to the legislative body is beginning to excite impatience. After the enunciation of a foreign policy so prolific of trouble people naturally want to see what it is likely to cost them. The reason of the delay is, it is stated, the fact that the elements of the budget have not as yet been furnished by the different departments to the Ministry of Finance. This may be the case, but it may also be due to the unwillingness of the Government to present its little bill of expenses until the interpellations in the Chambers and the debate on the Army Bill are gone through with.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE CORPS LEGISLATIF.

Toward the close of the debate on the German and Italian interpellations on Tuesday, an incident occurred, which, for execrable taste and violence, fully equaled any of the episodes of a similar character which have occurred in our Congress. The Viscomte DE KERVEGUEN, whom the *Figaro* describes "as an asthmatic Hercules who has the faculty of exciting merriment without being in the least funny," took it into his head to read a letter from an obscure Belgian journal called the *Finance*, charging certain of the independent and opposition journals of Paris with being subsidized by the Prussian Government. "One large journal," he said, "which boasts of representing France and having a million of readers, received from Berlin the sum of 600,000 francs; another, which pretended to enter drawing-rooms and good company, only pocketed 300,000 francs, because its reputation was gone from having so frequently sold itself; a third, which only dated from the campaign of 1859, touched merely 156,000 francs; the fourth, a still younger journal, was only estimated at 100,000 francs; the fifth, which had just changed its skin and its proprietor, had 250,000 francs."

It would be impossible to describe the effect which the reading of these charges had upon the Chamber. The members of the Opposition gave way to a violent outburst of indignation, and even some of the habitual supporters of the Government could not restrain their annoyance at an indiscretion which identified them with the lowest and most dishonorable system of tactics known to party warfare. Had it not been for the prompt and energetic interference of the President, there would probably have been a collision between the speaker and M. GUEROULT of the *Opinion National*, one of the journals assailed, and who approached M. KERVEGUEN evidently with some such purpose.

M. SCHNEIDER has the character of being a very able and impartial presiding officer, but I cannot understand how he could have permitted M. DE KERVEGUEN to continue after the first passage or two of the letter had revealed its character. By stopping him at once he would have saved the Chamber from a scene which lowered its dignity, and which has led to further troublesome consequences.

After the close of the sitting the following letter was addressed to M. DE KERVEGUEN:

PARIS, Dec. 10—8 P. M.

SIR: You have read at the tribune of the Legislative body some odious calumnies against the French Liberal Press. As our laws do not admit proof of defamation, we, the principal editors of two of the journals named by you, call upon you to prove your allegations before a court of honor. We cite you before a commission of arbitration, composed of M. SCHNEIDER and two of our colleagues, MM. JULES FAVRE and MAREE. You on your side will choose two members of the legislative body to complete this tribunal, the mission of which will be to proclaim the truth and denounce the calumniators.

AD. GUEROULT,
Chief Editor of the *Opinion Nationale*.
L. HAVIN,
Political Director of the *Siecle*.

To this M. KERVEGUEN sent the following reply:

PARIS, Dec. 11, 1867.

To MM. Havin and Gueroult.

GENTLEMEN: I only received this morning the collective letter which you have done me the honor to address to me under date of yesterday, Dec. 10.

I accept your proposition and, in consequence, have requested my colleagues MM. le Marquis D'ANDELARRE and MARTEL to be good enough to unite with MM. JULES FAVRE and MAREE to constitute the jury of honor which you desire.

These gentlemen are at the disposition of MM. MAREE and JULES FAVRE.

Accept the assurance of my distinguished consideration. KERVEGUEN, Deputy.

This letter was followed by the following reflections in the *Siecle* of yesterday, and to which the joint names of M. HAVIN and M. GUEROULT are attached:

"We congratulate ourselves on M. KERVEGUEN's acceptance of the tribunal to which we have deferred. If we have chosen a commission of arbitration, it is because a jury of this kind cannot be restrained by any impediment derived from the law. The widest liberty will therefore be left to M. KERVEGUEN to justify the motives that determined him to carry to the tribune of the legislative body the calumnies of which he has rendered himself the responsible publisher. We give in advance to the honorable members of the Commission the fullest powers to cast light on matters which interest at once the dignity of the Chamber of which we are members, and the honor of the French Liberal Press, to which we belong."

It is stated that M. SCHNEIDER has refused to preside over the jury, from motives of delicacy connected with his position as President of the Chamber. It is added that he has recommended that the number of arbitrators shall be increased by three, and that their decision shall be final.

Thus the matter stands for the moment. It is stated that the Commission is to meet to-day, but it is not likely that any decision will be come to before I close my letter. I need not say that its conclusions are looked forward to with a good deal of curiosity. In the meanwhile, I may observe that the reference of such a matter to a tribunal of this character exhibits a strange condition of feeling on the part of the French Press. Their position, social and otherwise, must indeed differ widely from that of the Press of other countries, when they can consent to go before a self-constituted and irresponsible tribunal on charges advanced without a shadow of proof, and which have not even an air of probability. There was but one way of treating the individual who made himself the mouthpiece of such calumnies, and that was to leave him to the judgment of the public. The Chamber, through M. BERRYER, did enough to vindicate the honor of the Deputies and journalists assailed, without its being necessary for them to take any further steps in the matter. The care which M. KERVEGUEN took to protest against his being responsible for the scandals to which he gave circulation, and the fact of his being sheltered from punishment by his legislative functions, imparted to the whole proceeding such a contemptible character that anything like a serious reply seemed out of place. This was the feeling of the Chamber, and it was equally the impression outside. By the course which has been since pursued the parties attacked have not impaired their position, the public see how it happens that they should feel susceptible to the point of placing their calumniators in a position which would imply that there was some ground for his charge. The honor of no man can be affected by statements advanced in a manner so entirely reckless and irresponsible. To admit M. DE KERVEGUEN, therefore, to privileges which, in the eyes of all honorable men, he had forfeited by his proceeding, is not only a great mistake but an evil precedent. It will render the functions of the journalist already made difficult enough by the operation of a rigorous and capricious censorship, still harder to fulfill independently.

HEALTH OF THE POPE—PROPOSED VISIT OF THE FRENCH EMPEROR TO ROME.

I mentioned to you in one of my recent letters that the health of the Pope was visibly declining and was occasioning serious uneasiness to his physicians. The anxieties through which he has passed for the last two months have had such a prostrating effect on his system that it is feared he may not be able to rally. Letters received here yesterday would go to confirm this apprehension, and it is stated that the College of Cardinals, taking into consideration the critical position of the Holy See, have, with the Holy Father's approbation, decided upon at once naming his successor in order that there shall be no interregnum after his death. The nomination will, of course, be made known simultaneously with that event whenever it takes place.

Another rumor which has just reached here by way of Vienna, attributes to the Emperor NAPOLEON the intention of paying the Pope a visit at Rome. Whether it be the intention of obtaining absolution for his sins, political and otherwise, or of furnishing a pretext for the reëntrance of the French troops into the Eternal City is a matter for speculation. I give you the report without in any way vouching for its correctness. At the same time I may add that in the curious turn which affairs are taking here, there would be nothing surprising in his Imperial Majesty undertaking a religious pilgrimage any where, Mecca not excepted.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNEASINESS.

I can give you no more convincing proof of the disquietude which continues to prevail here touching the political situation, than the accumulation of unemployed capital which is taking place in the Bank of France. In its last statement there is set down under this head the enormous sum of 1,914,643 francs. Need I add that business of every kind is at a stand-still, and that on the Bourse there is an utter absence of confidence. Our normal condition at present is apprehensive. The course pursued by the Government on the Roman question is in a great measure to be charged with this.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Next Legislature and the State House—An Important Railroad Suit—Liquid Fuel a Success.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 27, 1867.

The Legislature meets on the first day of next month, but the opinion is expressed that the "unreconstructed" condition of the State House will render a prorogation of the Legislature necessary, or its adjournment to some other building. The extensive repairs and alterations contemplated have dragged their slow length along, and the visitor to the ancient pile on Beacon Hill finds himself in the midst of an "admired disorder" that would be anything but pleasant to the assembled wisdom of the State. The chaos of brick and marble and the damp plastering and the unfinished hydating apparatus are suggestive of coughs, colds, rheumatic pains, and pills and cordial, and if the members elect do not come together well provided with flannels and pocket-pistols there will be a frightful mortality in the "General Court." But Speaker STONE, one of the Commissioners, promises to evolve order out of chaos in due time, and that too within the cost of the estimates. Upon the assembling of the Legislature a large amount of important business will be immediately thrust upon it. The repeal of the Prohibitory Liquor law, and the substitution of a License law in its place, will be among the first things acted upon. According to the last classification the House stands 172 Republicans and 67 Democrats; on the rum question, 185 licenses to 154 prohibition. The "liberal" Republicans constitute a clear majority of the House. In the Senate a majority of the Republicans are Prohibitionists. Of the twenty-four license men ten may be classed Democratic. Politically, the Senate stands thirty Republicans to ten Democrats. The House consists of 239 members. A little over one-third of the whole number have had some legislative experience. Mr. BROWNELL, of Westport, has been elected to the House eight times. In the Senate thirty-two of the members have had considerable experience in the administration of public affairs. Last year there were two colored men in the House; this year there is only one. He will take his seat as a cypher, although his presence will serve to remind us that the old Commonwealth has not yet wholly abandoned the idea that the negro is the equal of the white man, at the ballot-box, at least. The new Legislature for the most part being the creature of the P. L. L., of course there is a battalion of office-seekers who desire to serve the "dear people," and at the same time realize the promises made to the faithful during the canvass. There are no less than thirty aspirants for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms in the Senate. In the House a number of gentlemen are talked of for Speaker, prominent among whom is HARVEY JEWELL, of Boston, one of the ablest men in that body. The message of Gov. BULLOCK will relate mainly to State affairs, and he will dwell at considerable length upon the subject of regulating the use and sale of intoxicating liquors viewed in the light of the verdict of the people as rendered at the late election.

THE PROGRESS OF LIQUID FUEL.

A few days since a number of scientific gentlemen and others, interested in the subject of economising the present cost of generating steam for mechanical purposes, were invited to the Messrs. CHICKERINGS' factory to witness the operations and results of the use of liquid fuel for generating steam, as recently applied under two of the boilers of that establishment. The fires produced the most wonderful results. It was found that, after an operation of two weeks, the consumption of coal during that time was from 2,500 to 3,000 pounds per day less by the use of Col. FOOTE's invention; that the actual saving in an economical point of view, was equal to from thirty-five to forty per cent.; and that more steam was generated in a given time than ever before, and no difficulty, as heretofore, was experienced in maintaining the requisite amount of steam. It was observed that, while no change of boiler or furnace or machinery is required, no extra skill or labor in managing it, and freeness from accident or fire, and that it does not get out of order, are among the advantages of this process. The character of the flame produced was of a uniform color, intense and voluminous, often reaching forty feet in length. The combustion was complete. Good judges said they had never before seen such a "fearful fire" under a boiler. In view of these important facts, it may now be said that the use of liquid fuel does all that is claimed for it.

AN IMPORTANT RAILROAD SUIT.

An important railroad suit growing out of a charter granted to the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation by the last Legislature, enabling that Company to extend their track to tide-water over the old Grand Junction Railroad track through Cambridge, Somerville and Chelsea to East Boston, has just been closed before a sheriff's jury, which has had the matter under consideration for seventeen days. A portion of the route thus authorized was held by the East Boston Freight Railway Company and had for

ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

The Fenian Outrage at Clerkenwell—Anticipated Danger of a War of Races—The Christmas Books and Annuals.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 14, 1867.

The papers by this mail will carry an account of the latest manifestation of Irish patriotism. When the policeman BRETT was murdered at Manchester, there were not wanting many who said that England "had no right" to hang his murderers, and the processions of Fenians which have been held in various places to do honor to the memory of the executed felons may have been sympathized with by a portion of the public. What, I should like to know, can the defenders of Fenianism say in extenuation of the atrocious outrage committed yesterday afternoon? In a part of the town where poor, hard-working people reside, a party of villains exploded some kind of internal machine, with the object of liberating two Fenians from prison, and in so doing murdered horribly five or six innocent passers-by, and mutilated forty more, so that the street was covered with blood, and the nearest hospital looked like butchers' shambles. Would you have England encourage such crimes as these because they are perpetrated under the name of love of country? Who were the victims yesterday of this most dastardly and wicked plot? Policemen, or others employed by the authorities? No, Sir—not even such persons as these. Poor bedridden old men—women in their confinement—little children passing by—these were struck down by the assassins, whom some American papers bid us respect as heroes. Was it accidental, then? you will say. Not at all. The man who fired the barrel which caused this fearful havoc actually appears to have tempted little children to stand by, probably to make it appear that he was playing with them, and to cover his real design. One poor little boy, 13 years of age, now lying in the hospital, gives an artless account of the circumstances. A man (who is described by the other eye-witness as an unmistakable Irish-American, with "goatee" and all the rest of it,) came out from a house carrying the barrel, and put it against the prison wall. He had a long squib in each hand, and one of them "he gave to some boys who were playing in the street." Why did not the villain send these poor children away before firing the barrel? Because the "glory of old Ireland" was at stake, and what are human lives to an "Irish-American?" Surely it is a little unjust that America should reproach England for striking a blow in self-defence at assassins who come to us from her shores! Let those who defend Fenianism and all its doings say how they would like to have their own children foully murdered or mutilated in the street, "for the honor of ould Ireland." What would you have done to a rebel during the war who shot down one of your citizens in the midst of New-York? Would his plea of "patriotism" have saved his neck?

It is the poor who are now bereaved and beggared by the "heroes" whose cause looks so noble across the Atlantic. In this fact lies the greatest peril to Fenianism which it has yet had to encounter. From one end of the country to the other a hatred of the conspiracy, as a mere blind for murder and robbery, will spring up. The English lower orders will now understand better what Fenianism really is, for it has slaughtered their own little ones in the street; and woe to the men who now go about the poorer quarters of the town proclaiming an Irish Republic! I have long dreaded the thought of some such feeling as this being aroused, lest the day should come when a fearful retribution would be worked upon the Irish by their fellow-laborers in every workshop and in every field. Do you suppose that such incidents as these can happen and the English people look patiently and quietly on? The account is only part of yesterday's horrible story:

"The hands of a boy, about eleven years old, were so frightfully wounded that all his fingers except two, and both his thumbs, had to be removed. A woman, who had sustained a severe fracture, was to all appearance on the point of death on her admission, but she rallied a little afterward, and later in the evening her condition inspired hope. A girl named ANNE CROSS, eight years old, had her left knee fearfully lacerated. *She was on her way home with a jug of milk for which her mother had sent her when she was injured by the explosion.*"

Shall we hear from America again that it is wrong to punish ruffians who plot and commit those crimes? Are we to sit down and let a general massacre begin in our streets? The poor will avenge themselves, and by-and-bye you will see the dealing with the Fenians taken out of the hands of Government altogether. I say this with deep pain and regret. I was one of the first to recognize the power of the Fenian conspiracy, and often have I urged the necessity of an impartial investigation of the complaints of the Irish people. But it is too late now. The cry of "Ireland's wrongs," we now discover, has always been a mere pretext. The Irish want no reforms—they *dread* reform, lest it should deprive them of American sympathies. Mr. T. MAGUIRE, M. P., has just published a book called *The Irish American*, of which I dare say you will hear more hereafter. He confirms the statement of the American Fenian concerning which I wrote to you lately. "The thoroughgoing Fenians," he says, (remember Mr. MAGUIRE is an Irishman,) "whether leaders, orators, or rank and file, would, if anything, prefer that the admitted causes of Irish discontent should not be removed. * * If half a dozen new grievances could be improvised to-morrow, their announcement would be hailed with gladness by those who desire to keep alive the Fenian organization, and impart a more vengeful spirit to the feeling against England. A grievance redressed is a weapon broken." Yes, the Irish are obliged to hunt for grievances, and then cannot find them. Ask any Fenian whom you may meet to tell you precisely what are the wrongs of Ireland—ask him to point you out any inequalities of laws in the United Kingdom—and see what answer he will make. That Irishmen of a certain type hate England is admitted—I cannot pretend to explain the cause. Allow that England deserves it, and is that any reason why a score or more poor industrious families should lose all their little property, and have their sick and their young ones killed, by a set of miscreants who come over from America whining about Irish wrongs! There is no cry for revenge here to-day. I believe the country is sad over these occurrences. Says one writer in a daily paper, "It is, indeed, heart-rending to hear of little children four and five years old torn and mangled, to find youth and age involved in a common destruction. It is terrible to think that there are, no doubt, still among us others planning outrages equally dastardly and deadly, and that any day may bring some disastrous news." But I would not say that a cruel and pitiless spirit will always be exercised by the Fenians alone. We shall have sorrowful work this Winter if things go on as they are now doing.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

You will, I know, learn many particulars of this crime from other sources, and therefore I turn gladly to more agreeable subjects. We have now, I think, seen the end of the shower of Christmas books and extra numbers. The supply has never been so large before, and what becomes of it all is a standing mystery to me. But people do buy these odds and ends which are raked together at Christmas time, and read them, apparently, with no little relish. Thus it is said that of the Christmas number of *Good Words* 100,000 copies have been sold, and of *No Thoroughfare* above 80,000 copies. I must say that to my mind the former publication is far more entertaining than the latter. It is, in fact, the only readable Christmas number I have seen, and yet is by no means free from rubbish. *No Thoroughfare* will leave all who attempt to explore it thoroughly vexed and dissatisfied. The part contributed by Mr. DICKENS is done in a hurried and slovenly manner, and for the rest, the reader may get himself involved in one of Mr. WILKIE COLLINS' ingenious labyrinths, with small results for his pains. Mr. DICKENS dropped his work unfinished. Evidently he could not write his "Christmas piece" and give his readings in the United States, too. The character of "Joey Ladle" might have been a very good one if the author of it had finished it off; but as it is, it stands a very rough and uncouth outline. I doubt whether many readers will have the patience to go through Switzerland with Mr. WILKIE COLLINS, and altogether *No Thoroughfare* must be pronounced the poorest Christmas number of *All the Year Round* which has yet been published.

The ruck of these extra numbers are simply detestable. The framework of which every one is sick and tired is used in every one of them—a party telling each other stories. Sometimes it is done on board ship, sometimes in a coalpit, in a diving-bell, in every conceivable situation and under all varieties of circumstances. Thus, the extra number of *Tinsley's Magazine* is constructed upon the idea that a number of passengers are detained at Boulogne by the weather, and begin relating stories. But, as the *Daily News* points out, the climax of sillyness is reached in BEETON's Annual, which is called *Nine of Us*. A friend visits another at Christmas, and is thus addressed:

"We have got some company—good fellows too. We have resolved upon stopping in this box for a little holiday—many of us—no, not many of us. Let me see; counting you and I [sic] there are *nine of us.*

Nine of Us, continues the *Daily News*, accordingly becomes the title of the annual, and to crown the absurdity, every one of the guests is supposed to be of a different country, so that we are favored with a Scotchman's story, a German's story, a Yankee's story, a Turk's story, and so forth."

What poverty of invention, what barren wordspinning is all this stuff! What puzzles me most is to perceive where the fun of such publications is supposed to be. Granted that it is the bounden duty of us all to make merry at Christmas, (though why then more than at any other time I have never been able to see,) in what way is mirth and jollity promoted by these labored and tedious stories? I declare that anything more depressing and gloomy than a course of "Christmas numbers" it is impossible to conceive. The funny men are so dreadfully dismal, and they begin in such an abominably rattlepated way, that it makes one miserable to watch their contortions and grimaces. I need not remind you of the style in which they begin: "Cold, very cold!! The little boy who was carrying home the baked potatoes shook and shivered with the cold. The big burly policeman at the corner had had his nose pinched by the frost until it assumed the hue of a boiled ham and a Bologna sausage. The signboard of the Red Lion creaked and groaned in the bitter, bitter wind, as who should say, 'Persecute me no more! Let me die; I am very old, I wish my jocund tail to rest in peace!' But a bright glow was cast upon the stony street by the blazing fire within the little sanded parlor, wherein sat," &c., &c. This is the sort of prelude to a Christmas story—and isn't it excruciatingly funny? In the *Belgravia Annual* there is plenty of this mirth-inspiring food—the story of a Muniment Chest, by Miss BRADDON, (the most irritating trash ever printed;) another story by Mrs. HARRIS—Babington-White; an article by Mr. SALA, (of course,) and similar healthy provender. Even *Punch's Almanac* is not so good as usual. In this Annual LEECH is missed more even than in *Punch* itself, and we turn over the *Almanac* in vain for the bright and sunny girlish faces, and the charming "domestic interiors" which that incomparable caricaturist used to delight us all with at this season of the year. Two or three comparatively new artists enter the field this year, and at some future time they, too, may contribute to the amusement of the public. At present they have only achieved a modified success. A Mr. E. GRISET has drawn an "unfunny" border for the calendar, and Mr. CHARLES KEENE gives some character sketches of about the same character. There is a very well-drawn picture by Mr. G. DU MAURIER, of "Flirts in Hades," and JOHN TENNIEL supplies a droll sketch of some amateur theatricals. The letter press is not at all comic.

Mr. BEETON, a well-known publisher of the second class, advertises a new magazine to be called *Beeton's Journal*. He announces it in this original and modest way:

"I shall not follow the lead of such publications as aim, by extravagance of expression or incident to beget sensational emotions, low, vulgar or impure. The age is too well supplied, according to my lights, with all that sort of thing. In fine, I shall strive to create a useful and an exciting Antidote to a pernicious and enfeebling Bane."

So at last we *are* going to have our minds improved. Mr. BEETON will soon set us all right with his celebrated and unfailing Exciting Antidote. I must send you some of the article when I get it, for you, too, may have suffered from an Enfeebling Bane.

There is an article in *St. Paul's* for December on the "Trade of Journalism," which is worth reading by those who are interested in the subject. Couple it with a curious fragment of autobiography just confided to the public by Mr. G. A. SALA, and one or two curious facts would be brought to light. I may, with your permission, recur to this subject.

NATURALIZATION.

Who is a British Subject?—The Rights of Naturalized Americans Abroad.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: I am unwilling, upon the strength of a telegraphic report, to animadvert upon the language attributed to the President of the United States. I shall say nothing, therefore, of the tone or the method in which a matter of the most supreme consequence seems about to be introduced to our attention. Our business in any case is to understand our own situation, and to take care that we, at all events, are in the right.

It is quite plain that we are about to be called upon, courteously or otherwise, to consider the principles on which we found the rights and assert the claims of British citizenship. This is a subject so complicated in the double bearing of its legal and political character that I cannot attempt in the space I could ask at your hands to treat it in a complete and satisfactory manner. I think, however, I shall be able in a moderate compass to satisfy your readers that there is much in the existing condition of the question which requires mature revision and fundamental reform.

And first let us ascertain who, according to the law of England, is a natural-born British subject, owing allegiance and entitled to the Protection of the British Crown.

1. Every man born within the dominions of the Crown is born within the ligeance of the Crown, and is a British subject, and that whether the parents are British subjects or aliens.

This was the simple doctrine of the common law. A child born of foreign parents in England was an Englishman. A child born of English parents abroad was a foreigner. (I state the matter broadly without reference to the limitations of the statute of EDWARD III., which, in some respects, may be considered as in affirmance of the common law, and was an enabling, not a compulsory, statute.) In the reign of CHARLES II., a special statute was passed to naturalize the children born abroad to Englishmen who had fled to foreign parts in the Commonwealth.

II. By a statute of GEORGE II. (substantially re-enacting a statute of ANNE) all children of naturalborn British subjects born abroad were made natural-born subjects (4th of George II., cap. 21, A. D. 1731:)

"All children born, or which shall hereafter be born, out of the ligeance of the Crown of Great Britain, whose fathers were or shall be natural-born subjects of the Crown, are hereby declared to be natural-born subjects of the Crown to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever."

The quality of citizenship was carried on to the next generation by a statute of GEORGE III. The preamble is so remarkable that I think it right to call special attention to it. (13th of George III., cap. 21.—A. D., 1773.) After reciting that divers natural-born subjects of Great Britain have for lawful causes, especially for carrying on commerce, been obliged to reside abroad, the preamble proceeds, "And whereas it is equally just and expedient that the Kingdom should not be deprived of such subjects, nor lose the benefit of the wealth which they have acquired, and therefore that not only the children of such natural-born subjects, but their children also, should continue under the allegiance of His Majesty," then enacts that the children of fathers made British subjects by the Act of GEORGE II. (*i. e.*, the grandchildren of a natural-born British father) "are hereby declared to be natural-born British subjects to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever."

Now, the character and effect of these statutes is singular in the extreme. The persons with whom they deal are persons who, but for those statutes, would be foreigners. Yet, by a municipal law of this country, with which they have nothing to do, we impose upon them, without any option on their part, a citizenship which they very possibly do not at all desire. The statutes had been of an enabling character alone, or which conferred privileges without imposing liabilities, the thing would have been intelligible; but the words of the preamble I have cited and of the enactment forbid such an interpretation. I will put a case—of course an extreme one—to the extent to which the English doctrine of citizenship and allegiance is carried. Suppose the wife of a Frenchman (who himself has never left France) traveling in any part of the British Empire, is there delivered of a child—that child, though it is conveyed the next day to France, and never revisits British soil, it is for ever a British subject, and by our law owes an indelible allegiance to the British Crown. But that is not all; by the statute of GEORGE II. this man's children are all likewise created natural-born British subjects, and by the statute of GEORGE III. his grandchildren likewise. Thus, it will be seen that the accident of a premature delivery will have created, it may be, fifty natural-born British subjects, who will have all the rights and all the liabilities of English citizenship, though they may have less than nothing in common with the interests of the English Empire. Now, suppose one of these fifty grandchildren to be taken in arms in a war between France and England, and to be indicted here for treason against the British Crown. I know no means by which, in the face of these statutes, he could plead that he was not a natural-born British subject. It may be said that no such indictment would ever be preferred, and that is certainly true. But is it not a good argument against the continuance of a law that it is one which you would never venture to enforce? It may be remarked, however, that at this moment a gentleman holds his seat as a natural-born British subject in the House of Commons, whose citizenship was affirmed by a decision of an Election Committee to rest on the very same foundation as that of the grandchildren I have supposed. So much for the *quantity* of British citizenship, which I think it will, on reflection, be admitted is scarcely bounded by our present law in somewhat profuse and inconsiderate degree. Such citizens may well ask, "What have we to do with England?" and England may well ask, "What have I to do with such citizens?"

Now let us examine a not less important point, the quality of British citizenship. Its characteristic and instinctive principle is that of indelible and inalienable allegiance. This doctrine is stated by BLACKSTONE in all its breadth. But when he affirms that "it is a principal of universal law that the natural-born subject of one Prince cannot by any act of his own, no, not by swearing allegiance to another, put off or discharge his natural allegiance to the former," he lays down a proposition which cannot be maintained. I fear I shall be thought by some to intrude on sacred things when I lay profane hands on the time-honored maxim, "*Nemo potest exuere patriam;*" but when the soundness of the doctrine is challenged, we must see if it is capable of being sustained. Now, so far from this maxim being, as BLACKSTONE asserts, a "principle of universal law," the principle of universal law is exactly the reverse. The doctrine of that great people who, beyond all others, had cultivated the arts or empire and perfected the science of law is set forth in a well-known passage of CICERO:

"Ne quis invitus civitate mutetur; neve in civitate maneat invitus. Hæc sunt enim fundamenta firmissima tuendæ libertatis, quam quisque jure sibi retinendum et dimittendum esse dominum."—*Orat. pro Balbo*, cap. 13.

How far from the truth it is that the restrictive principle which the English law has borrowed from the feudal system ever obtained among modern nations sufficiently appears from the following passage of BYNKERSHOEK:

"Ubi ea prohibitio non est, *ut non est apud plerasque Europæ gentes*, subditis licebit, ut ipse quidem opinor, civitate mutata et relictis bonis, ad quemcunque principem subditum migrare. Si ut modo dicebam, non sit lex quæ prohibeat utique licet subditi conditionem exuere et mutatam sibi patriam eligere. Quod publici scriptores uno ore in id consentiunt neque dissentit Grotius, apud Moschos tamen illud non hodie addit ibi Grotius; *non obtinere apud Chinenses et Arabes*, earum quantum sentientia ex plano semoti testata. * * * *Et ubique licet ubi civitas non carcer est.*"—Q. J. P., cap. 22.

The reader will not fail to observe the covert sarcasm which is conveyed by coupling together the English and the Chinese as joint tenants of a doctrine which is said to be held by no nation where the State is not a jail.

I could, if need were, multiply authorities to any extent, from BYNKERSHOEK down to WHEATON, to show that the maxim of indissoluble allegiance has no place in the doctrine of public law. But it is unnecessary to do so, nor no modern jurist will be found to dispute the assertion. The truth is this doctrine had its origin in a system which is obsolete, and found its application in a condition of society which has passed away. The feudal tenure, when every man held mediately of some Lord, and ultimately of the King, did, in fact, convert the State into that *carcer* at which the Dutch jurist sneers. With the exception of the few persons who resided abroad for ecclesiastical objects, the Englishman in the middle ages seldom left the country for any legitimate purpose. Those who withdrew themselves from the realm were regarded as persons who sought to evade services which were due from them, and deserters from the standard to which they could at any instant be summoned. The obligations of feudal service have disappeared, and the principles which pertained to it have become antiquated. But this is not all. There has arisen a state of things in modern society to which our forefathers were strangers. That great and never-ceasing side of emigration, in which the sons of our soil seek in other lands a fortune which the limited resources of their own country denies them, is a phenomenon for which the conceptions of the feudal law made no provision. The consequence is that we find ourselves in the presence of political facts which are wholly irreconcilable with our legal theory. It is in vain that we proclaim the doctrine, *Nemo potest exuere patriam*, while yearly hundreds and tens of thousands of our subjects are transferring their allegiance to other Governments, and incorporating themselves in other States. These are facts which the technically y of the law may refuse to recognize, but of which an enlightened statesmanship must needs take account.

And, in fact, we have never, and do never, politically attempt to enforce the theory of our law. So long ago as the case of ÆNEAS MACDONALD, the English Government shrunk from carrying into execution the sentence of the law. MACDONALD was a native of Great Britain, who had received his education from his early infancy in France, and spent his prime years in a profitable employment in that Kingdom, and had accepted a commission in the service of the French King; having, while acting under that commission, been taken in arms (of course in a legitimate war) against the King of England, he was indicted and convicted of high treason. But he was afterward pardoned on condition of his leaving the Kingdom forever. The logical consequence of this ill-omened doctrine was the immediate cause of the unhappy war with America in 1812. In that war, acting upon this theory of citizenship, the English Government threatened to punish as traitors its native subjects naturalized in the United States and taken in arms. This menace was met by the arrest of British officers as hostages, on whom the United States announced their intention to retaliate. The English Government shrank from carrying out their threat, and these "natural born British subjects" were afterward included in the cartels of exchange. These are instances in which the attempt to enforce the doctrine of indissoluble allegiance has broken down. It would be easy to cite many others, and to imagine an infinitude more. Indeed, when we remember that British law regards not only by every person born in any part of the British Empire, but their children and grandchildren, as British subjects, owing allegiance to the British Crown, and when we consider how considerable a fraction of the whole population of the United States occupy this situation, the results of the doctrine would be positively ludicrous, if they were not imminently dangerous.

I need hardly say that in practice no English government acts upon the legal theory. In the late war in the United States many persons sought to escape from the conscription on the plea that they were British subjects; but I believe that the English Government never attempted to compel the services in the case of persons who had clearly exhibited their intention to adopt the nationality of the United States. If the legal theory were adhered to, it would be a curious subject of inquiry how many persons in the American armies on both sides of the late war would be liable to an indictment in this country as natural-born British subjects for having taken service with a foreign belligerent.

The evil of the present state of things is that the only principle of law to which the English Government can appeal is one on which it cannot in practice take its stand. To treat as British subjects all whom the law calls British subjects is simply impossible. But short of this, whom is it so to treat or not to treat? That is a question of a most embarrassing and dangerous kind, which it has to solve at its own discretion without the guidance of any fixed principles or settled practice. In the year 1795 one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the great case of "Talbot *vs.* Jansen," (3 Dallas' Rep., p. 154,) thus expressed himself:

"A statute of the United States relative to expatriation, is much wanted, especially as the common law of England is by the Constitutions of some of the States expressly recognized and adopted. Beside ascertaining by positive law the manner in which expatriation may be effected, it would obviate doubts and render the subject notorious and easy of apprehension, and furnish the rule of civil conduct on a very interesting point."

It is a singular circumstance that although seventy years have elapsed since this judgment was pronounced, America is as much as ever, and almost as much as England, without a practical doctrine on this important point. The real situation of this question in America, and the conflict which appears to exist between the judicial and the executive doctrine on the subject, are too important to be dealt with now, and I must reserve the fuller discussion of them for another occasion.

But then, it will be said, to what purpose attack the existing doctrine unless you are prepared to indicate the principles on which it should be reformed? I entirely admit the justice of the challenge. Nor would I have stated the objections which may be urged against the present state of things unless I thought I saw my way clearly to a better system. No one will dissent from the observation of Chancellor KENT, "that the doctrine of final and absolute expatriation requires to be defined with precision and to be subjected to certain established limitations before it can be admitted into our jurisprudence as a safe and practicable principle, or laid down broadly as a wise and salutary rule of national policy." This is not the place on the occasion to discuss in detail those requisite definitions and limitations. But it will not be difficult to point out the general principles by means of which the whole question might be placed on a solid and practical basis. I would found the doctrine of British citizenship, not on the feudal dogma "*Nemo potest exuere patriam*," but on the enlightened maxim of the Roman law, "*Ne quis de civitate manere invitus.*" For why should we confer the privileges and impose the obligations of citizenship on those who do not desire the one or deserve the other? Is it not more consistent with the dignity of our Empire, as well as with the safety of our policy that we should regard, and cause others to regard our citizenship as a privilege to be sought rather than a burden to be evaded? Nor have we far to seek for an example which may serve, if not as a precise model, at least as a most instructive lesson. In the Code Napoleon—that masterly system drawn from the fountains of the Roman law, and accommodated with rare sagacity to the conditions of modern civilization—we shall find reduced to practice a theory of citizenship exactly the reverse, and, I venture to think, one far to be preferred to our own.

In the first place, the French doctrine avoids the preposterous consequences of making citizenship dependent on the mere local accident of birth. A stranger born of foreign parents in France is not manufactured by the act of the law into an involuntary French citizen. He enjoys the capacity of citizenship if he elects on his majority to become a Frenchman, and testifies his intention to make his home in France. Thus two things must concur in the case of a foreigner born in France—a deliberate option and a permanent domicile.

The difference is not less marked when we consider the rules according to which French citizenship is forfeited. The following articles of the Code Civil sufficiently explain themselves:

"ARTICLE 17. La qualité de Français se perdra, 1o, par la naturalisation acquise en pays étranger; 2o, par l'acceptation non autorisée de fonctions publiques conférées par un Gouvernement étranger sans esprit de retour.

ART. 18. Le Français qui aura perdu sa qualité de Français pourra toujours le recouver en rentrant en France avec autorisation, et en déclarant qu'il veut s'y fixer et qu'il renonce à toute distinction contraire à la loi Française.

ART. 21. Le Français qui sans autorisation prendrait du service chez l'étranger ou s'affilierait à une corporation militaire étrangère perdra sa qualité de Français."

The principle on which these rules are founded is simple, and, I think, sound. So far from attempting to enforce an involuntary citizenship, they declare that all acts which indicate a deliberate intention to withdraw from the State operate on the part of the subject in forfeiture of his privileges as a citizen. France disclaims all part in a citizen who withdraws himself from her political communion in favor of a foreign State. It is not the subject who casts off France, but France who casts off the subject. Here again it will be observed that deliberate domicile, and not accidental birth, is made the governing test of citizenship. France confers the great privilege or her citizenship upon those who dwell within her borders, if not in body at least in spirit; she does not seek to detain the reluctant fugitive in involuntary fetters. She does not desire to number among her sons men who in a sense very different from that of GOLDSMITH—

"Still to their country turn with ceaseless pain,
And drag at each remove a lengthening chain."

This letter is already so long that I cannot venture to enlarge on details. I believe the time is arrived when this question must be dealt with in a large and enlighted spirit. I am sure that the whole matter must be reconsidered, and that when reconsidered it will be found that the whole system must be reconstructed. That reconstruction might be founded upon a few very simple principles, such as the following:

I. With respect to the acquisition of citizenship.

1. British citizenship should belong, as of course, only to persons born of British parents domiciled in the British dominions.

2. The children born to foreigners in the British dominions should, as in France, have the capacity to take up British citizenship.

3. As to descendants born abroad of English persons who are domiciled abroad, an election should be given to become citizens, to be testified by certain prescribed formalities.

II. With respect to expatriation:

1. Every British subject should be allowed to withdraw himself from the State by some formal act disclaiming his citizenship.

2. Certain acts should be defined as constituting in themselves a forfeiture of citizenship, whether so disclaimed or not.

It would be necessary, of course, to make provision against a fraudulent expatriation made for the express purpose of injuring the State, and also for the *status* of the expatriated citizen in case he returned to his foreign home. It must be quite obvious to all reflecting persons that, unless some great mischief is to happen, a definite understanding must be come to between the Governments of England and America as to the political *status* of that vast population of English origin and of American domicile which is peopling the further shores of the Atlantic. The doctrine of the English and the American common law is wholly inadequate to solve the question. The present solution of things is irrational and intolerable. While the British law asserts the doctrine of indissoluble allegiance, the American Constitution already demands of the emigrant in the naturalization oath an abjuration of all foreign allegiance. The doctrine of a permanent double allegiance is legal fiction and a political absurdity. It is fraught with every sort of embarrassment to Governments, and every species of injustice to subjects. To attempt to enforce against America the doctrine of the Norman lawyers would be a greater blunder than any committed by Lord NORTH.

Do not let us be deterred from dealing with this matter by any notion that it would embarrass the action of the Government with respect to the unlawful enterprises of the Anglo-American Fenians. The effect would be exactly the reverse. The numbers of such men are recognized as American citizens the more directly responsible the American Government would be for their conduct abroad; and I need not say that for their conduct in this country foreigners are as directly amenable to our laws as native subjects. As to the question of the jury *de mediatate linguæ*, the practice is of doubtful expediency; it is the creation of a statute, and might be abolished by the same authority which created it.

Lord STANLEY has shown himself not unwilling to approach great questions in a spirit of courageous conciliation. Depend upon it no English Minister ever had a greater opportunity of removing an inexhaustible source of misunderstanding and of danger than is offered to the settlement of this question. We have an immense advantage in the fact that not only these people, but their law has a common origin with our own. On this subject they have little room to reproach us with a doctrine which so nearly approximates to theirs. I believe that a mixed commission of British and American lawyers and statesmen would without difficulty arrive at a common basis which would place this paramount subject on a satisfactory footing. If modern civilization means anything at all, it surely means that nations should be enabled in free and friendly debate to adjust the spirit of their laws to the necessities of modern society and the accommodation of conflicting claims. In this way by mutual agreement the principles of an international code of citizenship, the justice of which both parties would recognize, we should give to the Governments of both countries a firm and definite basis for their policy, to the subjects of both nations a new guarantee of their liberties, and to the world a fresh security for peace.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

P'S MUS.

TEMPLE, Dec. 7.

MEXICO.

Formal Opening of Congress—Address of President Juarez—Reply of Senor Montes—Miscellaneous Intelligence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1867.

The Mexican Congress has been formally opened at last despite the many obstacles, rumors and machinations. As a general rule the speech of JUAREZ delivered at the opening of Congress, has been well received by the Press and people, but the country has listened to so many smooth discourses and never to be fulfilled promises from the mouth of every President or others who had any control over Mexico, that they have become suspicious and prone to doubt, their incredulity having reached such a point as to make them discredit the evidence of their prosperity, should they ever be prosperous again. The following is the speech of JUAREZ as delivered by him in a low tone of voice, the galleries being crowded with spectators, while the President himself was accompanied by a brilliant staff of army officers and high civil functionaries:

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT JUAREZ.

CITIZEN DEPUTIES: On the 31st of May, 1863, I had occasion to congratulate, in this place, the elect of the people on the decision and good faith with which they fought the good cause of the Republic, inspiring us with the unlimited confidence in the triumph against a powerful foreign invasion. The national representatives being now assembled again, I can congratulate you with a still greater motive on the complete triumph of the Republic. The Mexican people, with their patriotism, their valor and their constancy during the strife, have saved their independence and their institutions. In vain did the monarchical intervention attempt to destroy the Republic and its Government. The intervention disappeared, vanquished by the people, the Republic maintaining itself, stronger at home and more respected abroad.

The sons of the people, who by their valor and sacrifices manifested greatness during the strife, have, after the triumph, exhibited still more grandeur. They successively occupied every city, giving protection and guaranty to even their enemies, without distinction of nationality. The Government has concluded to be a true interpreter of the generous republican sentiments, by limiting the strict application of the law to the chief of the intervention, and to a small number of those persons on whom the greatest responsibility for all national misfortunes rested. The execution at Queretaro was necessary from the most serious considerations of justice, united to an imperious exigency of esablishing peace in the future, putting an end to intestine convulsions, and to all calamities with which war has afflicted our society. The necessary example of the application of the law to those who occupied the highest rank among the most culpable, has permitted the use of great clemency toward the rest. The Republic has pardoned her bad sons so far as it was possible, and has exchanged kisses with those who came from abroad to cover her with blood and desolation. The calumniators of the Republic have had occasion to see that whenever the efforts of the intervention ceased in any quarter, public order and confidence to the laws were immediately established. As soon as the people had returned to enjoy the liberty of their institutions, they also began to enjoy the blessings of peace.

The National Government, after its action had been reëstablished throughout its whole territory, has employed the means which it commanded, and the time at its disposal, to reorganize all branches of administration. Although invested with discretionary powers, it has always acted in accordance with the spirit of our institutions. It has occupied itself in preference to Federal affairs, leaving the action of State functionaries untrammeled, in order that they might give their attention to subjects relating to the States.

The Government, complying with the most sacred obligations, convoked the people, in order that it might elect its representatives for Federal and State powers. It appointed the shortest possible term, so that the people might designate, without delay, to whom they wished to intrust their destiny. The Government has not raised any obstacle against the enjoyment of the most complete liberty in the elections, in the Press, and in all acts of a political character. Necessary dispositions have been marked out for the organization of tribunals and the good administration of justice. With a desire of protecting, so far as was just, many interests of private persons, the acts exercised before the functionaries of the intervention, who had not legitimate authority, were made valid by equitable decrees.

The establishment of instruction and of public charity have been attended to with that solicitude which such important objects deserve. The Government has granted protection and all possible concessions to enterprises which may be of great benefit to commerce, to industry, and to other branches of public wealth. Besides enacting our convenient dispositions for regulating the administration of the public revenue, and for liquidating and auditing the legitimate debts of the country, every economy compatible with good government has been observed, and an invariable rule has been adopted to eschew the former system of business transactions which has been the thorough cause of the discredit and ruin of the Treasury. Thus, regular attention has been given from the time of the occupation of the capital to allowances of the public service, and even to the needy classes.

The army has been organized in a number necessary for the requirements of the military service, selected from among those who have fought bravely against the intervention. It will be the firm and faithful support of liberty and the laws. The Government has attended, so far as its resources permitted, to those who retired from the service in order to return to their firesides and to their domestic occupations. They, as well as those who remained in the army, have signally merited the decreed rewards of national gratitude.

The monarchical European Intervention impelled Mexico to maintain relations of especial friendship with her sister Republics. During our struggle those Republics showed their sympathy in behalf of the liberty and independence of Mexico. The people and Governments of some of the South American Republics made especial demonstrations in favor of the Mexican cause and the legitimate Government. There arrived recently an envoy from Bolivia, with the particular mission of tendering to the Republic cordial congratulations on its triumph.

With the United States we preserve the same relations of friendship that existed during our struggle. The uninterrupted sympathy of the people of the United States, and the moral support which its Government has given to our cause, have deserved emphatically the reciprocal friendship and esteem of the Mexican people and Government.

On account of intervention our relations with the European Powers were broken off. Three of them, by the act of the London Convention, placed themselves in an attitude of war against the Republic. A short time afterward France alone persevered in the prosecution of the intervention. But afterward the other Powers who had held relations with the Republic which they repudiated, recognized the so-called Government sustained by France, thus abandoning their position of neutrality. In this manner these Governments broke their relations with the Republic, and have severed their relations with us. The conduct of the Government of the Republic was to be regulated after that of those Governments. Without having asked anything of them, it still has taken care that nothing should be done which might justly be considered as a motive of offence, and it will raise no difficulty in receiving to-day the solemn declaration of new treaties under more auspicious circumstances, on just and convenient conditions, and relating especially to its mercantile interests.

The Government has also taken care to place the subjects of those nations who reside in the republic under the protection of its laws and authority. The effects of this system have been enough to remove any cause of complaint. A practical illustration has been given that, owing to the enlightenment of our people, and to the principles of our liberal institutions, the foreigners residing in Mexico receive the same treatment as Mexican citizens, and enjoy the same rights and guarantees under the laws, without needing the protection of treaties.

Public opinion has been preoccupied by the importance of the appeal made to the people in regard to some reforms of the Constitution, announced in the Convocation of the 14th of August. The discussion rather related to the manner of proposing them than the reforms themselves. A great number of citizens have voted in favor of them. Others have voted against them, others have refrained from voting, sharing perhaps the opinion of those who are in favor of reforms, without approving of the method of the appeal to the people in order to decide this about. The Government gave its opinion with frankness in the Convocatorio. It stated its convictions that in ordinary times reforms should only be proposed by the means provided in the Constitution, and that an appeal made to the people now could not serve as a precedent to be imitated under ordinary circumstances. The Government considers itself justified in this instance, in view of the extraordinary and exceptional situation arising out of the momentous crisis through which the Republic has just passed. The results of the vote is not yet known with exactness; but even if the presumption is that the votes given in favor of reforms do not reach to a majority, still they represent a great number of citizens whose opinion deserves to be considered. This number is added to those who have voted against the propositions they form, doubtless, a great majority of the people who have accepted and made use of the means of the appeal. It might be necessary to await the verification of the votes, but questions and doubts might be raised thereby which would delay the resolution, while a principal motive for which the method of the appeal had been adopted was that of a speedy adoption of reforms. The conviction which the Government had, and still has, that these reforms are necessary and urgent lead it to prefer the abrogation of formality, with the hope that in this way they may be more speedily adopted. Therefore, immediately after the declaration of the vote, the Government would submit the points of reforms in question to the wisdom of Congress, in order that it may come to a determination about them according to the rules established by the Constitution. With this end in view, the initiative respecting them will be immediately presented.

By the law of the 27th of May, 1863, the concession of powers to the Executive was extended to thirty days after the meeting of Congress, or might expire sooner if the war with France terminated. Mexico could not declare the war to be ended although there do not exist *de facto* hostilities with France. She was the nation that brought the war here without having till this time made any formal declaration to close. According to law, therefore, the powers conceded to the Executive ought to be valid thirty days longer, counted from to-day. Notwithstanding this, I deem it wise to decline, as I do decline, by this solemn act, the further use of them.

It there should suggest itself anything necessary to give greater action to the Government, I have faith enough in the patriotism of the representatives of the people to be convinced that they will give it their support and cooperation, dictating the means which their prudence and high wisdom may regard as convenient.

It is grateful to me, citizen deputies, to return to you the trust of the great powers which you have confided to me. If, in their excercise, I have committed errors, I ask your indulgence. In the conception of all my acts I have never had any other thought than that of the national good, and the salvation of our beloved country.

In the Article No. 2 of the law already referred to, a restriction was made concerning the power of concluding treaties. Governed by this law, I must here declare that it has been the constant purpose of this Government not to compromise in anything the Republic, and that it has not entered into covenant with any nation whatever.

Please to accept, citizen deputies, the devout wishes which I make for the success of your deliberations, in the trust that your intelligence and patriotism will strive after the greatest good of the Republic.

REPLY OF SENOR MONTES.

Señor MONTES replied substantially as follows:

"The nation returns to-day to the constitutional exercise of one of its most precious attributes of sovereignty—the privilege of legislating through their representatives. Thanks to the heroic constancy of its sons in the glorious struggle that has just ended after five years' resistance to a foreign foe; thanks to the justice of the greatest nation of modern times, and the best friends of Mexico. Yes, thanks to so the United States, whose noble Government continued the great work of the great father of American independence, the founder of the Republics of Columbia—the venerable and immortal WASHINGTON. The Republic of Mexico will always find among her best friends the statesmen who directed the American politics during the period of our crisis. The principle of non-intervention, faithfully observed by the elder sister of the Republics on this continent, has been the only ally of Mexico. * * * A Prince, at the head of one of the most powerful of civilized nations, the greatest and most warlike of Europe, resolved to destroy the Mexican Republic and establish a throne upon its ruins. To accomplish this he employed all the means in his power; and to destroy us, if possible, he charged us even with the assassination and wholesale slaughter of prisoners of war. The treaty of Soledad, concluded on the 19th of February, 1862; the note to the French Commissioners of the 9th of April, 1863; the withdrawal of the French army to Orizaba on the 20th of the same month and year, without returning to Paso Ancho, and the circular of Marshal BAZAINE of the 31st of October, 1866, will remain durable monuments of the justice of our c

hours. PUGGEN keeps a whisky-shop at the corner of Bedford-avenue and Buren-street, and at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 24th inst. the officer discovered some persons drinking there. On cross-examination, VAN BRUNT said he could not swear what they were drinking at the time. PUGGEN was found not guilty, and so was discharged.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—DOWLING, JUSTICE.

AN OLD CASE CONCLUDED.

HEYNER H. BANCKER, the clerk who was arrested two weeks ago by Detectives BENNETT and TILLEY, on a charge of having stolen $6,750 worth of coupons, bonds and jewelry from his employer, MARTHALI L. SIMPSON, of No. 19 South-street, was yesterday brought before the Magistrate for the first time to answer the complaint. Why this delay occurred, or where the prisoner has been since his arrest, did not appear during the examination. Mr. SIMPSON made the necessary affidavit, in which he states that the larceny was committed on the 5th of September, 1865. The accused confessed his guilt, as he was committed for trial. While locked up at Police Headquarters, it appears that the prisoner made an unsuccessful attempt to bribe the doorman to allow him to escape.

A NEW WAY TO COLLECT OLD DEBTS.

JAMES MCGUIRE is a milkman, and some time ago disposed of a horse to EDWARD SMITH, of No. 455 Greenwich-street, for the sum of $110, receiving $105 down and the balance standing due. In consequence of the negligence of SMITH this $5 remained unpaid, and MCGUIRE becoming impatient, proceeded to his debtor's stable and removed the horse as security. He was yesterday found in possession of the horse and arrested on a charge of larceny by Officer HUNTGINGER of the Fifth Ward. When arraigned before the magistrate the prisoner was held for trial and allowed to furnish bail.

ALLEGED THEFT.

Officer RIKER, of the Sixth Precinct, arrested ALFRED S. CLARK, aged 17, on a charge of having stolen a gold bracelet worth $150 from the office safe of HENRY H. MORANGE, at No. 243 Broadway. CLARK was in Mr. MORANGE'S employment, and had been left in charge of the safe during a visit to Connecticut. The prisoner was remanded.

JEFFERSON MARKET—DODGE, JUSTICE.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

PETER O'DONNELL was arraigned upon the charge of having shot a man named WM. ADAMS. The complaint made in favor of ADAMS states that on Thursday evening about 10 o'clock he was sitting in the saloon at the corner of Charlton and Macdougal streets, reading a newspaper, when O'DONNELL entered and said to him: "You came the other night to lick me, didn't you?" ADAMS replied "No," and continued reading, when O'DONNELL said "Yes you did," and without any further parley or provocation drew a heavy old-fashioned six-barrelled pistol and fired at ADAMS. The bullet took effect in the right thigh of ADAMS, and, passing entirely through, lodged in the left leg, making a very dangerous wound. The wounded man was removed to the New-York Hospital, and O'DONNELL was committed to await the result of the injuries.

THE KNIFE.

MICHAEL MONAHAN, with his head swathed in many bandages, made oath that yesterday morning, about 1 o'clock, he entered the saloon of FREDERICK H. HEATH, No. 186 Varick-street, and called for an oyster a-la, and that without any provocation whatever HEATH assaulted him with an oyster-knife, making several severe wounds upon his head, one stroke of the knife nearly severing his ear. HEATH replied to the complaint that MONAHAN had come into his place drunk, and assaulted him. A fight ensued, when MONAHAN fell through the show window, and received his cuts from the glass, and no knife was used at all. The prisoner was committed, in default of $2,500 bail, for trial at the General Sessions.

INDUSTRIOUS OPERATIONS.

Through the exertions of Detectives BLACKWOOD and HERBERT, of the Ninth Precinct, one of the most indefatigable gangs of thieves in the City has just been broken up. A youth named JOHN ORR was arrested for some minor offence, and closely following his arrest the officers obtained information that showed that he was one of a bevy of six thieves who had been most extensively engaged in depredating upon the property of the citizens of the Ninth Ward. Of those implicated with ORR, CHARLES ALEXANDER has been arrested, but WILLIAM BARNES, WILLIAM HAZEWELL, THOMAS SCOTT, and PETER WOODS have not yet been found. Yesterday afternoon affidavits were made against ORR and his associates by the following persons, who, in each case, charged them or some of them (ORR, however, being named in every complaint) with stealing the articles specified: RACHEL CUNNEEN, No. 102 Bedford-street, dresses and a muff, $18; HENRY S. OSBORNE, No. 89 West Thirteenth-street, an overcoat, $75; JACOB BURNHAM, No. 226 West Eighteenth-street, two dresses, $30; MARGARET MURPHEY, No. 291 West Fourth-street, skirts, $5; GEORGE W. BLANCHARD, No. 15 Gay-street, a shawl and two coats, $35; ANNA MILLER, No. 92 Christopher-street, a cloak, $5; STEPHEN MARVIL, No. 66 Jane-street, a dress, $35; LOUIS FANKENECK, No. 95 Sixth-avenue, a carpet, $14. All the articles were stolen at various dates between the 16th and 22d of December, and were all recovered by the officer in various pawn-shops where they had been pledged by ORR or some one of his confreres. The boy ALEXANDER has heretofore borne a good character, and appears to be implicated in the Vail larceny only, and in that merely by the assertion of ORR, who says ALEXANDER brought him the dress and asked him to pawn it. ORR and ALEXANDER were committed in default of $500 bail each to await a trial at the General Sessions.

THE LONG LOST FOUND.

About the 15th of June last LOUIS LAFON left his room, at No. 80 Greene-street, for a few minutes, and also left a gold watch valued at $125 in the room. Returning, he found that during his absence the watch had been stolen. No one had been seen to enter the room, and for all trace of the thief that could be found, the larceny might have been committed by some ghost. The story of the lost watch was told at Police Headquarters, and Detectives TIEMAN and SMITH were instructed to keep their eyes open for the depredators. Their vigil was protracted, but was finally brought to an end yesterday by the arrest of a young German named ADOLPH NEWHORN, in whose possession was found a pawn ticket for the missing watch, and the time-piece itself was recovered at the shop where NEWHORN had left it as security for $50 which had been advanced him. The prisoner was committed for trial at the General Sessions.

TRICK AND DEVICE.

From the affidavit that he made it appears that Christmas eve ALFRED J. YOUNG, residing at No. 2 Bond-street, was waited on by a man who told him that VALENTINE WILDMAN, his brother-in-law, had been locked up in Jersey City and had sent to YOUNG for $20 to pay his fine with. In proof of his statement the man exhibited a paper bearing a signature purporting to be that of WILDMAN. YOUNG gave the unknown man the money and soon afterward meeting WILDMAN discovered that he had been the victim of a very common device of the unscrupulous for raising money. Officer GLYNN, of the Eighth Precinct, from the description of the person furnished, arrested HENRY SAUNDERS alias Grey as the operator on YOUNG'S confidence, and being fully identified by his victim the prisoner was committed for examination.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

The complaint of ROBERT W. TAILER, of the firm of SCHULTZE & TAILER, in Bedford-street, alleges that in July last they were waited on by EDGAR S. ALLIEN, who represented himself as the agent of J. G. CARUTHERS, who was the owner of 1,300 gallons of brandy then in the bonded warehouse, but upon which all the customs duties had been paid. The complaint states that the firm bought the brandy of ALLIEN for $5,024, and afterward discovered that the duties on about 700 gallons amounting to $2,000 in gold had not been paid. It also alleges that the brandy did not stand on the warehouse books in the name of CARUTHERS; that he did not own it; and that ALLIEN had no authority from him or any one else to negotiate the sale. The accused answered all these charges by simply saying "not guilty," and gave bail in $4,000 for his appearance at the trial.

ESSEX MARKET—SHANDLEY, JUSTICE.

A WIFE-BEATER.

JAMES SHEEHAN, residing at No. 249 Monroe-street, was arrested by Officer WELSH, of the Seventh Precinct, who alleged that on the previous evening, SHEEHAN being in his apartment in a state of intoxication, had beaten his wife ANN in a most brutal manner. The appearance of the woman fully proved that some one had most outrageously misused her. Her head was a mass of mangled flesh, and her body was patched all over with bruises and wounds. She was sent to Bellevue Hospital, and her life being thought endangered, SHEEHAN was committed to await the result of the injuries.

PETTY THEFTS.

ANN HART, for stealing a shawl, WILLIAM BORSCH, for stealing a few brooms, and LEVI KUTZ, for stealing a child's jacket, were committed for trial at the Special Sessions.

LAW REPORTS.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.—DEC. 27.

Before Judge Balcom.

SHORT CALENDAR DAY—CAUSES TRIED AND JUDGMENTS RENDERED.

Part III. of the Circuit was the only branch of the Supreme Court in session yesterday for jury causes. The following actions were disposed of:

Debroroh F. Spencer vs. James T. Roger; tried by the Court without a jury; judgment for defendant.

Adrian K. Gordon vs. James Bagley; tried by the Court without a jury; judgment for the plaintiff for $809 16. The National Park Bank vs. Bernard Rice, &c.; tried by the Court without a jury; judgment for the plaintiffs for $634 69. Willett Seaman et al. vs. Elias B. Latham; inquest by the Court, defendant not appearing; judgment for the plaintiffs for $637 45. The Stuyvesant Bank vs. Leopold Tilman et al.; tried by Court and jury; verdict for the defendants. Frank Lyons vs. Hiram Cohen; tried by the Court and a jury; verdict for plaintiff for $1,644 40. The Court, on motion, granted a stay of proceedings to defendant until Tuesday evening next.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 27.

Before Judge Jones.

SUIT AGAINST A LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Rosa E. Rainsford, Administratrix, vs. *The Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.*—The plaintiff in this action is the Administratrix of the estate of her husband, Geo. S. Rainsford, who was the assignee of an insurance policy issued Oct. 22, 1863, by the defendants on the life of George B. Waldron. Immediately after issuing the policy the Company gave a consent in writing that the insured might go in a first-class vessel to New-Orleans. There was no limitation as to the time he should stay South, but the insurance policy contained an indorsement to the effect that the insured should not live south of 32° 30' between the 1st of July and the 1st of November. In the Fall of 1864, when the second premium on the policy became due, the plaintiff in this action (her husband having died in the meantime) went to the office and tendered the premium, amounting to $200 and over, and the Company refused to receive it, on the ground that the policy had been voided by the insured remaining South between the dates above mentioned. Waldron subsequently came North and died in Stonington, Conn., in the Spring of 1865. The suit is now brought to recover $15,000, the amount of the policy. The main questions in the case are whether the written consent of the Company permitting the insured to go South shall be construed as without limit as regards the time he was to remain, and also whether the indorsement on the back of the policy relative to the latitude within which the insured would reside in the Summer months, is legally binding upon the insured party, nothing of the kind being contained in the original contract by which the defendants agreed to issue a policy in favor of Waldron. The case is being tried before Judge JONES without a jury, and is not yet concluded.

WERAS & Foster for plaintiff; Baldwin, Laroque & Barlow for defendants.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 27.

By Judge Leonard.

The People ex rel. James K. Place vs. George G. Barnard, Supreme Court Justice, et al.; application for writ of prohibition denied. Wm. Thomson vs. The Solar Salt Works; motion denied; $10 costs to abide event; Willis H. Brumley vs. S. S. Blodgett; motion denied; $10 costs to abide the event. Pettingill vs. The New-York and Pennsylvania Petroleum and Mining Company; motion for leave to renew motion denied, with $10 costs. Margaret Elwood vs. Franklin E. Elwood; referred back for further proofs, &c.

By Judge Ingraham.

In the matter of the application of Frederick D. Tappan to vacate assessment, my conclusions are that the application must be granted, and the assessments vacated in the cases numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. In the other cases, numbered 1, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12, the application is denied. See opinion.

By Judge Barnard.

In the matter of the People of the State of New-York *ex rel.* Winne vs. George Gates; motion denied.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 27.

By Judge Jones.

W. J. Stewart et al. vs. T. J. Powers; motion granted. Seth B. Hunt et al. vs. S. J. Rothschild et al.; motion granted. Jas. Shindler vs. Benj. Smith et al.; attachment granted. Jas. Wallace vs. Morris Mayer; motion granted; issues to be of the original dates. C. Cazimajor vs. A. H. Sibler; motion granted; R. Tooker vs. Alex. Grant et al.; bond approved. P. F. Schuster vs. Morris Lovett et al.; motion granted without costs. Luke F. Merritt vs. Chas. Walsh; motion for commission granted. Julius Hart vs. C. C. Merchant et al.; motion granted without costs. The Knickerbocker Ice Company vs. David S. Jones; motion granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 27.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Loveland vs. Fitzgerald; extra allowance of $25. William Eckhardt vs. Mary Eckhardt; divorce granted.

NOTICE TO THE BAR.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 27.

Notes of issue for the first Monday of January, 1868, motion calendar must be filed on or before Thursday, Jan. 2, 1868, at 3 o'clock P. M. All these cases that have a preference in any of the classes, must be filed on or before that day, if not so filed they will be placed on the general calendar. All motions remaining undisposed of on the motion calendar after this date, (Dec. 27,) will be transferred to the first Monday January calendar of 1868, and will be placed by the clerk in their proper places on the said calendar. By order of the Court,

WM. C. CONNER, Clerk.

RICHARD C. BEAMISH, Deputy Clerk at Chambers of the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—BROOKLYN, DEC. 27.

Before Judge Lott.

CONTEST FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SEVENTH WARD.

A writ of *mandamus* was moved for yesterday morning, to compel the City Board of Canvassers to give to Thomas C. Steers the certificate of his election as Alderman of the Seventh Ward. When the motion came up for argument, Mr. Ridgeway appeared for Mr. Steers and Mr. McCue for the Canvassers. On the part of Mr. Steers it was claimed that he had a majority of the votes cast for Alderman of the Ward, and that he was therefore entitled to his certificate of election. On the part of the Canvassers it was stated that on receiving notice of the application for *mandamus* the Board of Canvassers had met last evening and after a full debate of the matter, had passed a resolution to the effect that there were no returns before them to show that Mr. Steers had been elected Alderman of the Ward, and that they had then adjourned *sine die*. The Court held that the Board having adjourned *sine die*, no *mandamus* could be issued against it as a Board, and that any further proceedings in the case must be taken against the members individually.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 27, 1867.

$1,000	U. S. 5s, '67, R..	104½	5	Pacific Mail	110
36,000	U. S. 6s, R. '81..	108¾	100	do	110¼
30,000	U. S. 6s, '81, C.	112⅝	1000	do	110¾
5,000	U.S. 6s, 5-20s., R. '65	104⅞	20	do	110¾
	do	104⅞	100	do	110½
20,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s. C. '64	105½	50	do	110¾
45,000	U. S. 5-20s., C. '65	108¾	40	Wells Fargo Ex	46⅛
5,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s R. '65, new issue	104⅝	50	do	46⅝
10,000	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67 New Issue	106¾	100	do	46⅝
10,000	do	106¾	300	Mer. U. Ex	39¾
36,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. '67 New Issue	104⅜	300	do	39¾
8,500	U.S. 6s 10-40s, R.	101¾	10	do	39¾
22,000	U.S. 6s, 10-40, C.	101¾	550	do	117⅜
4,000	Tn., Notes, 73-10s, 3d series	104⅜	100	do	117⅝
10,000	do	104⅜	200	do	118⅛
1,000	Tenn. St. 6s, x.c.	65	50	do	118
5,000	do	64½	200	do	118¼
7,000	do	64	100	Erie R. Pf	73⅝
10,000	do	63½	50	Hud. Riv. R.	132
8,000	Tenn. 6s, new	62⅝	800	do	132
17,000	do	62⅝	100	do	131⅞
2,000	do	62¼	350	Mil. & St. Paul	48⅜
10,000	do	62⅛	100	Mil. & St. P. Pf	68⅛
10,000	do	62	100	Reading R	90⅛
1,000	N. Car 6s, x-c	50	200	do	90⅜
2,000	do	50⅜	100	do	90⅜
10,000	Mo. St. 6s	98⅜	100	do	90⅝
1,000	do	98⅜	100	do	90⅝
15,000	do	98⅜	20	Mich. Cen. x. d	107⅛
10,000	do	99	800	M. So. & N. I. R.	85⅛
1,000	Mo. St., 1 & 8 c., Issue	89	50	do	85⅜
	do	89	100	do	85⅜
500	Ill. Cen. Bs.	118	300	do	85⅝
1,000	Chic. & N. W. 1st	86½	20	do	85⅝
3,000	C. & R. I. & P. 7s	105⅜	1500	Clev. & Pitts. R.	88⅜
5,000	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st	105⅜	200	do	88⅜
10,000	Ait. & T. H. 1st.	97½	1600	do	88⅜
1,000	Ait. & T. H. In.	75⅝	50	do	88⅜
4,000	N. Y. & N. H. 6s	96	100	Chi. & N. W. R.	63⅜
30	Ocean Bank	105	200	do	57⅜
80	Fourth N. Bk. x. d.	102	1800	Chi. & N. W. Pf.	71⅜
10	Hud. R. R. Stk. Co.	148	100	do	71⅜
210	Canton Co.	51	200	Clev. & Tol.	98⅛
100	Cum. Coal Pr.	29	400	do	98⅜
100	do	29¼	800	Chic. & R. I.	99⅛
100	do	29⅜	100	do	99⅛
100	do	29⅜	300	do	99⅜
100	do	29⅜	100	do	99⅜
100	Quicksilver	21¼	400	do	99⅜
100	W. U. Tel	37⅜	200	do	99⅜
200	do	38	100	New-Jersey Cen. R	116⅞
300	do	38⅛	25	New-Jersey R	124½
100	do	38⅜	1100	P., Ft.W. & C.	100
400	do	38⅜	50	Ohio & Miss R.	29⅛
50	do	38	2500	do	29⅜
200	Mariposa Prf	13¾	600	do	29⅜
100	Adams Express	69⅜	300	do	29⅝
100	do	70	400	do	29⅝
200	do	70⅛			

SECOND BOARD.

$25,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s. C. '62	107⅝	20	Amer. Ex	77
5,500	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '65	105¾	50	Mer. U. Ex	39
88,500	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67	106¾	400	do	38⅝
100,000	U. S. 5-20s, C. '65	105¾	100	do	38⅝
	do	105¾	300	N. Y. Cent	117¾
88,500	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67	106¾	200	do	117⅝
38,500	U.S. 6s, 10-40s, C.	101¾	200	Erie R.	72⅝
5,000	Tenn. 6s ex c	63⅜	800	do	72⅝
2,000	do	63⅜	500	do	72⅝
2,000	Missouri St. 6s	99¼	100	do	74
20,000	N. Car. 6s, x-c	50	100	Hud. Riv. R.	132
7,000	Erie 1st M	102	200	Reading R	90⅝
1,000	do	102¼	400	do	90⅝
2,500	Ill. Cen. Bds.	118	200	Clev. & Pitts.	88⅜
100	Canton Co.	51	100	do	88⅜
100	Cum. Coal Pr.	29	100	Del. L. & W.	113
200	West. Union T.	38	100	Chic. & N. W. R.	63
900	do	38⅛	100	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	70⅞
800	do	38⅜	200	do	70⅞
2,000	Quicksilver	21¼	100	do	70⅞
100	do	21⅜	400	Clev. & Tol.	98¼
100	do	21⅜	3.0	Chic. & R. I. R.	99⅜
300	do	21⅜	200	Mil. & St. P. R.	48⅜
100	Adams Ex. Co.	77⅛	100	Mil. & St. P. Pf	68⅛
200	do	77⅛	100	Tol., W. & W.	42½
100	do	77⅛	200	Ohio & M. R.	29⅛
200	Pacific Mail	111	600	do	29⅜
200	do	111¼	300	do	29⅝
100	Atlantic Mail	119	100	Chic. & Alt.	130⅜
640	Wells Fargo Ex	46⅜	57	N. Y. & N. H. R.	130

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Canton Co.	51¼	500	Mich. S. & N. I.	85⅛
100	Wells Fargo Ex	47	300	do	85⅛
100	Adams Ex. Co.	79	100	do	85⅜
100	U. S. Ex. Co.	79⅛	1200	do	85⅜
100	Mer. U. Ex. Co.	39⅛	500	do	85⅜
100	Mar. Pref.	13¾	400	do	85⅜
1800	Pac. Mail	110	100	Ohio & Miss R.	29⅝
600	do	110	100	do	29⅝
200	Atlantic Mail	119¼	200	do	29⅝
3500	do	119¼	500	Cleve. & Pitts.	88⅜
100	do	119⅜	200	do	88⅜
300	do	119⅜	200	do	88⅜
800	do	119⅜	200	do	88⅜
100	N. Y. Cen.	117⅜	200	do	88⅜
200	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
100	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
200	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
100	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
200	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
100	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
100	do	117⅜	100	do	88⅜
100

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1867.

Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 14th-st. and Irving-place. IPHIGENIA IN TAURIS. Principal character by Miss Fanny Janauschek.

FRENCH THEATRE, 14th-st. near 6th-av. UNE CORNEILLE QUI ABAT DES NOIX and LA FILLE DE DOMINIQUE. Mlle. Reiller in both plays. GRAND DUCHESS MATINEE at 12 o'clock. Mlle. Tostee as the Grand Duchess.

WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway, corner 13th-st. OLIVER TWIST. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, R. L. Davenport, Geo. Holland, G. F. Browne, G. M. Rockwell, A. W. Young, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. Vernon, Miss Mary Scott, Miss Mary Barrett.

OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Leading character by G. L. Fox. MATINEE at 1½ o'clock P. M.

NEW-YORK THEATRE, Broadway, near 8th-st. UNDER THE GASLIGHT. Characters by the Worrell Sisters, Messrs. J. K. Mortimer, C. . Parsloe, Jr., G. H. Clarke, Welsh Edwards, H. C. Kyner, Lizzard, Miss Celia Logan, Mrs. Wright. MATINEE at 2 o'clock P. M.

NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts. THE BLACK CROOK. MATINEE at 1 o'clock P. M.

BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway, near Broome-st. LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET. Leading character by Mrs. D. P. Bowers. MATINEE at 1½ o'clock P. M.

SANVARD'S OPERA HOUSE AND MUSEUM, Corner of Broadway and 30th-st. OUR MUTUAL FRIEND. Curiosities from all parts of the world. MATINEE at 2 o'clock P. M.

STEINWAY HALL, Nos. 71 and 73 East 14th-st. GRAND CONCERT—"Daniel." Theo. Thomas' full Orchestra. MATINEES at 1 o'clock.—CHARLES DICKENS' READINGS—"David Copperfield" and "Boots at the Holly-Tree Inn." SUNDAY EVENING, Grand Sacred and Classic Concert.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM, Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts. LITTLE DEW-DROP, large collection of wild animals, living gorilla, and 300,000 curiosities.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS, 14th-st., Opposite Academy of Music. NEW-YORK CIRCUS TROUPE—EXHIBITION OF EQUESTRIANISM AND CLASSIC OLYMPIC GAMES. MATINEE at 2½ o'clock P. M.

BUNYAN HALL, Corner Broadway and 15th-st. "THE PILGRIM." SPLENDID TABLEAUX, GRAND TRANSFORMATION. MATINEE at 2 o'clock P. M.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A large number of letters have recently been sent through the Dublin Post-office to prominent Government officials. On examination these letters have been found charged with a murderous explosive material, and a policeman who received one was horribly mangled on opening it. The Fenians are charged with perpetrating those dastardly outrages.

The departure of Gen. NAPIER from Bombay to assume command of the British troops in Abyssinia, is announced.

Gen. MENABREA has declared that he will dissolve the Italian Parliament on the 15th January, in case that body continues unfavorable to the Ministry.

A dispatch from Paris announces that the coupons on the Italian bonds will be paid in that city, while another asserts that the Pope has enjoined the Rothschilds against paying them.

GENERAL.

Gen. CUSTER, who was recently tried by court-martial and sentenced to be suspended from rank and pay for one year, has written a lengthy letter complaining of the composition of the court before which he was tried, and defending himself against the charge of cruelty to his men. He states that the alleged cruelty consisted in ordering a party of his command, sent out to bring in deserters, to shoot the runaway soldiers in case they offered resistance. The deserters, on being overtaken, attempted to shoot their pursuers, whereupon the General's order was carried out, and three of the runaways wounded. They were subsequently cared for to the best of his ability. He says he was surrounded by Indians at the time, that his command was being rapidly reduced by desertion, and that he was forced to adopt harsh measures to check it. He complains that two of the officers who tried him were his juniors, and a third had been censured by him for issuing spoiled rations to his men.

A riot occurred at Hampton, Va., on Christmas Day. A drunken white man named LATTIMER deliberately shot a negro in the head, inflicting wounds which will probably prove fatal. LATTIMER then locked himself in his house. A crowd of freedmen gathered around the house, broke the windows and attempted to secure the culprit. LATTIMER tried to escape, but was caught and severely beaten by the negroes. He was finally rescued from their hands by three colored men, who succeeded in conducting him to the jail and locking him in.

Advices from New-Mexico give details of the murder at Santa Fé of Chief-Justice SLOUGH by Capt. RYNERSON, a member of the Territorial Senate. The affray was brought about by some remarks made by RYNERSON in debate which reflected upon the Chief-Justice, and which the latter pronounced to be lies. RYNERSON made an attack upon the Chief Justice, shooting him two or three times, and inflicting wounds of which he died in three days.

Gen. SANTA ANNA denies any intention of going to Mexico. Several battles have recently taken place in St. Domingo, the Government claiming the victory on each occasion. The BAEZ party is, nevertheless, growing in favor and gaining many adherents.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday adopted a resolution directing the Corporation Counsel to urge on the Supreme Court the importance of rendering an early decision in the matter of the *mandamus* against the Board of County Canvassers, directing the Board to canvass the vote for Supervisors. Resolutions to pay JOHN HOUGHTALIN $500 for services in compiling the annual report of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and Mrs. PURDY $1,470 80 for balance of salary due the late Mr. PURDY, were adopted.

A motion was made before Judge LEONARD, of the Supreme Court, on Thursday last, by the counsel for JAMES K. PLACE, for a writ of prohibition against Judge BARNARD, to prevent the latter from continuing the proceedings of PHIPPS et al. against Mr. PLACE. Yesterday Judge LEONARD rendered a decision in which he denied the application for a writ. The investigation in Mr. PLACE's case was continued yesterday in the General Term Room, and it will be resumed on Monday morning next.

Judge BLATCHFORD, of the United States District Court, previous to discharging the jury for the term, took occasion to thank them for their promptness, punctuality, attention and efficiency, and further said that there had not been a disagreement by them, and that their conduct was a striking evidence of the benefit the Government, the Bench, Bar and suitors had gained by the transfer of the power to impanel jurors from the State to the United States Courts.

The Union League Club met last evening and resolved to lease the Club-house of Mr. JAUNCEY, corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Madison-avenue, for the purposes of the Club, the increasing number of whose members calls for enlarged accommodation. A resolution was also passed limiting the number of members of the organization to one thousand.

A report prevails in Boston that BRYANT F. HENRY, Receiving Teller of the Shawmut Bank, has absconded, his accounts being short about $50,000. It is supposed that he has gone either to Canada or to Europe, his wife accompanying him. The standing of the bank will not be affected by the loss.

The divorce suit of MARGARET ELWOOD *vs.* FRANKLIN ELWOOD, came before the Supreme Court yesterday, for confirmation of the decree, and was sent back to the Referee for further proofs.

The Fire Commissioners met yesterday, and adopted resolutions establishing several new fire companies up town.

Very moderate sales of Breadstuffs, Provisions and Groceries transpired yesterday, at essentially unaltered prices. Cotton was firmer and fairly active. The Freight engagements were decidedly more extensive.

In our regular Family Market Prices Current, we give this morning a series of very suggestive tables of retail prices at the close of last year, compared with the ruling figures yesterday. It will be noticed how few indeed are the instances in which there has been any material modification of the prices of last year, which themselves were generally quite up to the inflated figures of war times.

What the South Needs.

The *Tribune* forcibly urges those who would "revive the flagging energies of the South, lighten her miseries and restore her to vigor and prosperity," to "take or send their money and buy Southern lands." This advice is wise and timely. What the South needs is a revival of her business and industry. She needs capital to procure tools and implements for farming—to pay for her labor in advance of its harvests, to rebuild the dwellings and restore the industry swept out of existence by the war; and it is only from the North, or from abroad, that she can hope to get it.

But it does not come! Neither foreigners nor Northern capitalists will send their money into the Southern States for investment, either in lands, or in anything else. And the reason is perfectly obvious: they have not sufficient confidence in the political, industrial and social future of the South to warrant them in committing their capital to its control. Men will not put their money into any State or country, until they can form some reliable judgment of the usage to which it will be subjected. They want to know the general character and drift of the laws which will control it,—the rate and kind of taxation to which it will be subjected,—the security with which it will be surrounded and the facilities which will be afforded for employing, changing or withdrawing it at pleasure. All these things depend on the character of the Government which may be established. And until capitalists can form some more accurate and reliable opinion as to the kind of governments which are hereafter to exist in the Southern States, and the degree of stable wisdom and justice which may be expected from them, they will not put their property under their control.

Just now the Southern States seem likely to pass substantially under the control of their negro population. Even in States where the negroes have not an absolute majority of the voters, they have enough to decide the policy of the State Governments, unless the white voters unite against them. The latter course would be very likely to involve a conflict of races which would throw society and all its interests into chaos; and if it is not resorted to, the substantial negro supremacy which would follow, is an experiment which remains to be tried. The loud and confident predictions of politicians and the Press do not settle the question. Capitalists who have money to invest prefer to await the result of such an experiment, which, be it remembered, is as yet wholly untried in the practical working of our democratic institutions. We have States and communities where a very large *per cent.* of the governing people is made up of the ignorant and inexperienced; but we have never yet made any trial of such an experiment as is involved in suddenly giving three-fifths, one-half, or even one-third, of the political power of any State to a class of men just released from embruting, blinding and degrading Slavery, not only aliens in race, but of that race which more than any other on the earth is repugnant to Anglo-Saxon sentiment and prejudice, utterly without experience in civil affairs, unaccustomed even to care for themselves in the smallest matters of daily life, and certain, for a long time to come, to be mere tools in the hands of selfish, unscrupulous and irresponsible politicians on one side or the other.

This is an experiment yet to be tried. It may work well. It may give to liberty stronger guarantees, to property greater security, to labor a surer reward, to enterprise greater stimulus, and to the best interests of the State and its people a safer development, than any form of government which has been tried hitherto. The *Tribune* believes that it will. So do some of the great capitalists of New-England, of New-York and the West—those of them who espouse these theories of universal negro suffrage, to be enforced upon the South by military power, and who are sending political missionaries into the Southern States to organize the permanent establishment of governments based upon them. *But even they do not send their money.* They do not invest in Southern lands or Southern industries of any kind. Strongly as they recommend such investments to other people—earnestly and justly as they invoke aid to the Southern States through such instrumentalities—they do not exhibit that full faith in their own advice which acting upon it would imply.

What the South needs—like all other great communities—first of all, and as the condition *sine qua non* of all industrial prosperity and all material development—is a settled Government, in the practical working of which all who live there, and all who think of investing money there, and all whose welfare in any way depends upon Southern prosperity, shall have a strong and abiding confidence. The South has no such Governments now. It has no Governments which command the respect and confidence of its own people. It is trying very hard to get them, and Congress is trying to help them. But Congress has views and purposes in its action, with which the South not only does not sympathize but which encounter its resolute and rooted hostility; and the result is a conflict of interest, of feeling and of effort which threatens to prevent for a long time to come, such action as the *Tribune* deems essential to the relief and prosperity of the Southern States.

Congress has assumed control of the whole Southern question. It denied and violently resisted, resented and defeated the authority which the Executive attempted to assert and exercise over it. Rightly or wrongly, it took into its own hands the whole business of dealing with the South,—of providing such Governments as will command confidence and secure the peace, progress and prosperity of the Southern States. And Congress must expect to be held responsible for the results.

The Democracy and the Philadelphia Convention.

The *World*, in commenting upon Mr. RAYMOND's statements as to the motives which led him to take part in the Philadelphia Convention, says:

"But the veil which Mr. RAYMOND lifts from the secret history of the Philadelphia Convention and from the motives which prompted its originators, does concern us; and we are glad to have the facts at length brought to the public knowledge by a witness so well qualified to command belief. When the Philadelphia Convention was proposed, we demurred. We continued to discountenance it until the Democratic members of Congress and many leading men of the party had been persuaded or cajoled into its support, when we were fain to keep step with the movement to *prevent its dividing and demoralizing the Democratic Party.* Many other Democrats acted in the same sense, using their influence to keep the party united, *and to make the Philadelphia rivulet* (and a diminutive little rill it proved to be at last) *flow into the Democratic river. The staunchness of the Democracy made this absorption easy,* and in this State we gained (we believe) the votes of Mr. WEED, Mr. PRUYN and perhaps a few others. But the Democratic organization was preserved and invigorated for its great victories of the present year."

The "absorption" thus spoken of was one of the things which destroyed the influence of the Convention and strengthened the hands of the Radicals who took such strong ground against it. The natural effect of the Convention upon the Union Party would have been to check the effort made by the Radicals to engraft upon it their extreme doctrines,—the doctrine that the rebellion had set aside the Constitution in its relations to the Southern States, and given to Congress the absolute power of a conqueror over conquered enemies;—the doctrines of confiscation, of universal negro suffrage and of absolute Southern subjugation to the will of the conquering North. The Convention protested against these doctrines, and it would have had great weight in excluding them from the Union platform, and keeping them wholly out of the political field—but for the action of the Democratic Party,—but for what the *World* styles its "staunchness" in making the "Philadelphia rivulet flow into the Democratic river." The only thing, it seems, which induced the *World* to favor the Convention at all was the hope that it might be made useful to the Democratic Party,—or, at all events, that it might be so controlled as not to hurt that party.

Does not the *World* now think that a useful service would have been rendered to the country, if the Convention had succeeded in moderating the tone and temper of the Republican Party, and in excluding from its platform and its policy the extreme doctrines complained of? Or does it consider the party advantage which the Democrats secured from it, an equivalent for what its action enabled the Radicals to accomplish in the furtherance of their views?

We have more than once taken occasion to remind the country that it has been only by the direct aid of the Democratic Party that the Radicals have been enabled to secure some of their most cherished ends. It was only by this coalition that universal negro suffrage was secured in the District of Columbia;—that so large a disfranchisement was inflicted upon the whites of the South; and that universal negro suffrage was finally decreed as a condition of reconstruction. Their attempt to use the Philadelphia Convention for the promotion of their party ends, regardless of the general interests of the Union, except as they were involved in their own party ascendency, was another triumph of the same sort. The *World* seems to be astonished to find that President JOHNSON did not sympathize with these purposes, and that *his* object also, in favoring the Convention, was not to advance the fortunes and aid the ascendency of the Democratic Party.

The Address of President Juarez at the Opening of the Mexican Congress.

We have often spoken of the high ability and general good sense that have characterized the public career of the Mexican President; and though we remonstrated with him for his deeds of violence at the time of MAXIMILIAN's fall, we have always tried to indulge the hope that he would ultimately succeed in establishing a peaceful, orderly and Liberal government in Mexico. We retain this hope, even amid the embarrassments that almost prostrate him at the present time.

It will be seen by the address (or what we would call the Message) delivered by him at the opening of the Mexican Congress, that he has set about his duties with energy and courage. Though the address is eminently moderate and pacific in all its parts, it yet bears the impression of a man who understands the necessities and difficulties of Mexico, as well as the conditions of constitutional government. He indulges in neither rhodomontade nor braggadocio; avoids all those displays of extravagant rhetoric which always characterize such Mexican documents as originate with the Hispano-American leaders, and secures the respect of the world for himself and his administration by the way in which he deals with questions of Mexican politics.

Such foreign relations as Mexico had at the moment he began to deliver his address, ceased almost before he had closed it. An English steamer on that very day bore away the British and other foreign representatives who had remained in the country till that time settling up their affairs; and Mexico was left without a single European Minister to show that she was recognized as belonging to civilized Powers. JUAREZ, however, treats the question of foreign relations without anger or impertinence. He merely refers to the fact that European Governments ceased acknowledging the Republic after the intervention, and transferred their recognition to the Imperialists; and then, remarking that he asks no favors of these Governments now, he adds that nothing will be done which they can consider offensive, while Mexico waits for the formation of new treaties. Foreigners will not only be protected in the meantime, but will enjoy all the legal rights and guarantees of Mexicans without the specifil treaty protection of their own Governments. This is exceedingly honorable conduct on the part of Mexico, and should at least save her from the insults of foreign Powers.

The domestic affairs of the country are not treated at such length as we might expect, or as we are accustomed to in our own Presidential Messages. JUAREZ does little more than allude to the various public interests which are associated with the maintenance of order, the treasury, the army, commerce and industry. In regard to each, however, his language is intelligent, and his advice sound and practicable, and worthy of the consideration of Congress.

If now the Mexicans will only give him a fair chance, if Congress will energetically support his Liberal policy, if his ambitious rivals will repress the *pronunciamientos* which are already burning on their tongues, if the Church will behave in a Christian manner, we may hope not only to see JUAREZ continue in power during his official term, but greatly advance the cause of Reform, Liberty, Order and civilization in Mexico.

International Coinage—Mr. Ruggles' Report.

The statement from Washington, that it is intended, after the recess, to bring before Congress a measure for the establishment of an international coinage, will probably direct attention to the report of Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, as delegate to the Monetary Conference recently held at Paris. The Conference, it may be remembered, was attended by representatives of nearly all the nations of Europe, and the result of its inquiries and discussions was a plan of monetary unification, which is now under the consideration of the respective Governments. Its features are a single standard, exclusively of gold; coins of equal weight, diameter and quality; and the adoption of the weight of the five-franc gold coin of France as the unit. The value of the gold dollar of this country is slightly in excess of that of the five-franc coin; a proposed adaptation of the half-eagle to the value and weight of 25 francs—which is to be provided for by the issue of a new coin by all the leading nations—involving a reduction of about 17½ cents.

The details of the plan, and the changes which it would necessitate, are of less immediate importance than the principle to which the Conference sought to give effect. At the first blush, perhaps, it may be derided as chimerical. The mere abstract proposition that it is desirable for all nations to have as the unit of their currency some coin that shall have the merit of universality in use and value is not likely to be disputed. But the busy, practical people who think less of theoretical excellence than of changes which promise in any way to disturb the routine of business, may be expected to sneer at it as too fanciful to be worthy of earnest thought. They will classify it with things Utopian, and be content to leave the adjustment of monetary differences to the established system of exchanges. Mr. RUGGLES' sanguine opinions in regard to the feasibility of the change projected, indorsed though they be by one so cool and cautious as Senator SHERMAN, will be attributed to devotion to a particular hobby, and the whole scheme will be set down as too unreal for legislative action.

Experience, it must be admitted, does not warrant an expectation of very early results in favor of any change which interferes materially with business customs or the daily dealings of a people. The British delegates to the Paris Conference were not unwise in qualifying their approval of its recommendations with the remark that "until it should be incontestably demonstrated that the adoption of a new system offered superior advantages justifying the abandonment of that which was approved by experience, and rooted in the habits of the people, the British Government could not take the initiative in assimilating its money with that of the nations of the continent." With Sir JOHN BOWRING's barren labor before their eyes, they doubtless deemed the reservation expedient. For a quarter of a century, or thereabout, he has toiled to educate the popular and official mind of England up to the standard of the decimal system. Its superiority over the arbitrary pound, shillings and pence has from the first been conceded by the intelligence of the country; Chambers of Commerce have memorialized Parliament in favor of the reform, and the pundits of scientific and statistical associations have demonstrated its advantages. Still the British people have clung to their old system, with all its drawbacks; and the issue of a silver coin denominated the florin, equal in value to one-tenth of a pound, is the only tangible product of twenty-five years' discussion. This country has a lesson of its own to tell on a similar subject. The Cental system was inaugurated not many months ago as an improvement upon the varying standards of weight and measure. Chambers of Commerce were loud in its praise, and there really seemed to be some ground for believing that it would speedily come into general use at the great seats of trade. But what is the fact? The old system, with its manifold defects, is adhered to by the people everywhere, and the Cental system, notwithstanding its theoretical advantages, has practically collapsed. With these instances of the difficulty which both Britain and the United States have experienced in efforts to overcome established routine, we cannot accept any plan of monetary unification with the hopefulness which characterises Mr. RUGGLES' report.

The question is, however, too important to be entirely abandoned because of the obstacles which surround it. In our home relations it has no place, since the decimal system, which we have, is in principle that which the Conference proposed to make universal. But the commerce of nations would be facilitated, and therefore benefited by a change. The differences that exist between the coinages of countries may not embarrass international trade, but they give rise to intricate exchanges and discounts which entail inconvenience and loss. Exchange brokers reap a harvest which the merchants should not be compelled to lose; and there is nothing extravagant in the supposition that commercial nations will in due time be willing to modify their coinages in a manner that shall render intercourse simpler and cheaper. Civilization points unerringly to the result desired by Mr. SHERMAN—when the world shall "compute the value of all productions by the same standard, measure by the same yard or metre, and weigh by the same scales;" but we must wait awhile for its realisation.

In the meantime, may it not be well to consider the expediency of restricting the change within narrower limits than those which Mr. RUGGLES has indicated? His plan involves a disturbance of values—small, it may be, but, nevertheless, a disturbance which will delay, if it do not defeat, its application. A change which reduces the value of the dollar between three and four cents affects too directly the whole people, debtors and creditors, to be submitted to very cheerfully for the sake of foreign traders or travelers; and though Mr. RUGGLES suggests that objections may be obviated by allowing existing engagements to be settled at present values, the mere innovation will awaken a feeling not easily overcome. A better course might be to issue a new coin harmonising with the system we have, but available for the purposes of international trade. Theoretical perfection might not be thus attained, but the foundation of international unification would be laid, without exciting the prejudices or meddling with the interests which will resist any sweeping change.

MINOR TOPICS.

The murder of the Chief-Justice of New-Mexico by a member of the Territorial Senate is one of the most shocking crimes we have lately had to record. The affair was the result of some miserable quarrel—no matter what; and the frenzy of the murderer is seen by his continuing to shoot at his victim even after death. Ordinarily, we pay but little attention to anything that occurs in our distant territory of New-Mexico. But her local politics have lately been very violent and her politicians inordinately quarrelsome. If justice is administered in the present case, it will have a tendency to modify the madness that periodically rules at Santa Fé.

Our London correspondent yesterday alluded to the prosecution in London of Sir CULLING EARDLEY, who, it seems, married a lady in this City in 1859, and afterward married another in London. He seems to have admitted the fact of the marriage here, and the only reason he gives for marrying again is his belief that the New-York marriage might be repudiated as illegal because it was not performed in presence of the British Consul. Whatever may be the law in the matter, there can be no doubt whatever as to the moral character of this man's act;—it was an act of unmitigated baseness and treachery toward the woman he married here. It was a repetition of Mr. YELVERTON's performance, and was, like that, about as villainous and unprincipled a trick to inflict the highest possible wrong upon a woman with impunity, as can be imagined. English "gentlemen" seem to be rather unduly addicted to this sort of thing.

Experienced railroad men, as they proclaim themselves, are talking about the Angola railroad disaster as "one of those inscrutable Providences which we cannot fathom." This is sheer nonsense. There was a *cause* for that accident; *something* threw these cars off the track; and if railroad men cannot discover what it was, that fact only proves their ignorance and incapacity. It was not a "Providence" except as everything is a Providence, and the attempts made to dismiss it by such a pious-looking epithet are simply attempts to escape responsibility. It may be that the cause of this calamity cannot be discovered, but that fact does not prove that it had no cause. Providence does not throw cars off the track; it is always done by agency of some kind or other.

We guess there is at this time a profounder feeling of despair than ever before among New-Yorkers as to the possibility of having our thoroughfares kept in any such order as they might easily be kept in. We should not have expected our streets to be kept clean or clear during such a season as we have had the last fortnight, but something at least might have been done on the principal lines of travel with regard to crossings and pathways; and there certainly has been no insuperable difficulty about putting Broadway in decent order during the last few days. Mr. WHITING must be rejoiced to know that the majority of people have even ceased making public complaint about the matter, and now only indulge in a few private maledictions as they flounder along through the slush and filth. Our citizens would build a monument of solid gold to any one who should prove himself capable of keeping the streets of New-York in such a reasonable state of decency as might be expected from half our present expenditures. But our whole City Government is an utter sham, and people in general have ceased to expect anything from it.

The Cable brings us advices of a new device of Fenianism. It is to send letters to prominent officials inclosing explosive material, which bursts when the letters are opened. One policeman, it is said, has been horribly mangled by means of such a letter, and other explosions have occurred causing less injury. Such resorts as these will deprive any cause, of respect or sympathy. They are simply infamous outrages—no more to be justified or palliated by political excuses than any other cold-blooded and cowardly assassinations. The effect of them is very likely to be to arouse an intense hatred among the English of all orders and classes, which will lead to a general onslaught of the Irish throughout the Kingdom. It is certainly not the way to secure either Irish independence or the redress of Irish wrongs.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* denounces the sentiments expressed by Gov. FENTON in his admirable letter, which we recently published, concerning the burial of the rebel dead in national cemeteries. This correspondent says that "the nation buries patriots because they are such;"—and he objects to its treating rebels in the same way. He is mistaken. The nation buries dead patriots mainly because they are *dead;* and also because the manner of their death deprived them of other sepulture than such as public care might give them. It is quite right that a distinction should be made between rebels and patriots in the matter of conferring honors and rewards, posthumous or other; but it is scarcely decent or becoming to carry this so far as to deny to the former the right of being buried at all. Resentments even for rebellion may very well perish at the grave.

And yet the world does not come to an end. A Paris journalist ridicules an institution which has just been established there for the higher education of women, and draws a gloomy picture of the world as it will be by 1877, when ladies will perplex the limited intellects of their spouses with such questions as: "What is your opinion on the alimentation of the solar heat? Do you believe in a permanent avalanche of aeroids falling upon the body of the sun? What do you think of the theory of ADEMAR on deluges? Are you a pauspermist or a heterogenist?" We beg leave to inform our vivacious French contemporary that American ladies, even now, are constantly in the habit of putting such questions as these to their husbands. They may not always get very satisfactory answers—but yet the world stands.

Mr. F. B. CARPENTER publishes an unqualified retraction of certain statements concerning a communication between President LINCOLN and Gov SEYMOUR, which he had published on what he deemed good authority. He now states that his authority for the statement was Mr. G. B. LINCOLN, of Brooklyn, who also publishes a card acknowledging that he was misled, and retracting the statement he had authorized to be made. It is unfortunate that false statements should ever get into print, but in this case the parties concerned have done all in their power to remedy the injustice done.

The violent denunciations of Secretary SEWARD, for his Mexican policy during the last few years of Mexican turmoil and French intervention, have led some people to fancy him an open or rather badly-disguised enemy of republicanism in Mexico. In Mexico itself, however, the matter is now looked on in a very different light. In the speech of the President of the Mexican Congress (Señor MONTES) at its recent opening, this warm acknowledgment of the Mexican policy of our Government occurs: "The Republic of Mexico will always count among her best friends *the statesman who directed the American policy* during the period of our crisis. The principle of non-intervention, faithfully observed by the first-born of the republics on this continent, has been the only ally of Mexico." There is no doubt that this fact will be fully recognized as time passes on, and after Mr. SEWARD has passed away.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in reference to the Excise business strikes us as being captious and puerile. It is difficult to interpret their course in any other way. How do they expect to enforce their ordinance which empowers the Mayor, and him alone, to issue tavern and excise licenses, and which declares the licenses issued by the Excise Board, under State authority, to be invalid? The Board of Excise is the Board of Police, and it is not likely that the latter will hesitate to use its power in carrying out the provisions of the law which incorporate it into a Board of Excise. We understand the plea of the Aldermen to be that they wish to make a test case in order to ascertain through the Courts whether the Legislature have the power to create an Excise Board, or whether the authority to issue licenses rests with the City under its charter of incorporation. This point, however, has been well settled already. The Court of Appeals has decided in favor of the existing Board, and attempt of the kind in question to set aside the decision is born of a mischievous spirit, and can result in no possible good. The present excise law in some of its details, possibly, may be obnoxious, but the only true method of modifying any objectionable features is by application to the Legislature. The moral and material benefits which have resulted to the City from the operations of the Excise Board, are in such marked contrast to the state of affairs which existed when the matter of excise was under municipal control that, outside of the Common Council and the liquor-dealer's guild, few persons can be found who would not regret any radical change in the system as now established.

The Pall-Mall *Gazette* comes to the conclusion that the real danger of Fenianism to England does not lie in Ireland at all; nor in the prospect of any downright rebellion. The danger, we are told, "*is in America, and in the use which can be made* of the rebellious spirit in Ireland to embarrass the whole empire, and to plunge that unhappy country itself into worse unhappiness." This is a good reason why the English Government should take seasonable warning not to delay too long in seeing that justice is administered in her dealings with America as well as with Ireland.

We observe that the Board of Health have authorized their counsel to prosecute the owners of certain tenement-houses, including the proprietor of the building in Second-avenue, which was last week the scene of a shocking loss of life, for neglecting to provide fire-escapes in accordance with the provisions of the law which apply in the case. We trust that these prosecutions will be conducted with vigor. There ought to be no child's play in this matter. The law which these tenement-house owners have broken is explicit. No reasonable excuse can be offered for its violation. The parties have been properly notified of the insecure condition of their premises, and if they choose to incur the risk of prosecution rather than expend the money necessary to provide proper fire-escapes they ought, upon conviction, to receive the severest penalty. The owner of a tenement who willfully subjects his tenants to the chances of such a holocaust as that in Second-avenue is morally guilty of murder. As the law stands a fine is the penalty of the crime; and this, if rigidly enforced, will at all events call their attention to the requirements of the law.

SANTA ANNA, with his nine lives of a cat, and with an ambition that defies age, once more comes to the front on the world's stage. Only the other day he was the lonely exile, who from his "watch-tower of St. Thomas" was reported to look upon all things terrestrial with the eye of a man sick of the world. A little later he was found plotting to put himself at the head of Mexico; a little later yet a prisoner, then a convicted State criminal—finally reported shot and buried. Coming to life, he again resumes his rôle of exile, and now is proclaimed Dictator of Yucatan. What coils upon coils of intrigue, what bribings and bullyings and beseechings, have extricated him from his perils and started him afresh, no one but himself knows. But to such a man no future can be predicted as impossible, while life lasts.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

We are not likely to lack music in the coming year—or at least at the commencement of it. There are already three or four Richmonds in the field, and if Richard (meaning the public) ever is himself again he will have a hard time of it. Miss CAROLINE RICHINGS is the first to take up a position. She has selected the Academy of Music, and will deploy her forces on Monday night. The work selected for the occasion is the "Crown Diamonds," by the cheerful and chirrupy AUBER. Miss RICHINGS has an excellent company. It is the best in many respects that could now be obtained for the performance of English opera. Of course we mean English opera by courtesy, for with every desire to protect our naturalized citizens, it is impossible to regard AUBER either as an American or an English composer. Nevertheless he is acceptable in native garb, and will do very well until the management resort to another repertoire. We have already mentioned that WALLACK's almost unknown opera of the "Desert Flower" will be speedily brought out by this company, but we can hardly think that it will be during the present season, which must necessarily be brief. Early in February Mr. MARETZEK returns with his forces to the Academy, and "Lurline" will be produced in Italian. The *mise en scene* in particular will be very splendid. In these days, everything seems to run to spectacle, but it rarely happens that the story of the spectacle is so interesting and dramatic as in "Lurline," and there is no other instance where it is wedded to such exquisitely charming music.

Following quickly in the steps of Miss RICHINGS comes Mr. MAX STRAKOSCH with the La Grange and Brignoli combination. The members of the company are well known, and most of them are favorites with the public. Mr. STRAKOSCH is fortunate in having a new theatre at his disposition. He is to open Pike's Opera House—an establishment which, in point of elegance and comfort, has no equal in the metropolis. Public curiosity in the latter, if not in opera, will suffice to make Mr. STRAKOSCH's short season a profitable one.

In February, Mr. BATEMAN returns to the French Theatre, and if the "Grand Duchess" has lost her attractiveness—a contingency which is hardly probable—the fair HELEN will take her place. It should not be forgotten that to-day, at the *matinée*, the "Duchess" makes her last appearance. The performance commences somewhat earlier than usual, owing to the departure of the company in the afternoon for Boston.

There will be an unusually interesting programme to-morrow night at Steinway Hall, when Mr. HARRISON gives his thirteenth Sunday concert. All the principal artists of his unequaled *troupe* take part in it—Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, Mr. LEOPOLD DE MEYER, Mr. CARL ROSA, &c. These excellent entertainments have become deservedly popular, and are certainly the cheapest and best of the kind ever offered to the public.

We direct attention with particular pleasure to a performance which will be given to-night at Steinway Hall. Mr. BARROW, a gentleman who for many years has devoted himself sincerely and truly to art, and who in that period has produced musical works of enduring merit, will present a new oratorio to the public. The subject is "Daniel," the words being selected from the Scriptures by Mr. WM. A. HARDENBROOK. The dramatic talent of Mr. BARROW will impart to this touching and miraculous episode an unusual degree of force, and we may expect that the orchestral portion will be something more than a dull recitation. An event so important should at all events draw out the entire community interested in oratorio music. Mlle. PAREPA-ROSA, Mr. HILL, Mr. J. R. THOMAS and Mr. HERMAN THORP sustain the principal parts. The choruses will be sung by the Mendelssohn Union, and the orchestra will be under the personal direction of Mr. G. F. BARROW.

Wallack's Theatre—Oliver Twist.

The dramatization of Mr. DICKENS' novel, *Oliver Twist*, was given for the first time in a regular season at this theatre last evening, before the most numerous audience that has appeared for a long time to gratify any manager's heart, or to testify its appreciation of a good performance. The sign of "standing room only" was exhibited fifteen minutes before the curtain rose. It is not our purpose to review at length the representation, this morning. There was doubtless more in the piece than could come out on a first night, as is the case with most plays which trust rather to incident than to purpose for their interest. Most of the effective scenes in the novel are reproduced in the drama, and these were realized very like to life on Wallack's stage last evening. The performance, indeed, was thoroughly effective, and only the more revolting tableaux escaped encores; and in these latter, confined to *Bill Sykes* and *Nancy*, a culmination of the powerfully dramatic in human nature was completely attained by Mr. E. DAVENPORT and Miss ROSE EYTINGE. In the death scene of the latter, pathos on the stage reached its climax. The lesser characters were also played as though the actors were entirely conversant with the book and with CRUIKSHANK's etchings. Mr. WILLIAMSON, as *Justice Fang*, may tone down and still be effective. Mr. WALLACK's *Fagin* is a personation that belongs to most real art, and has long been famous. Some picturesque scenery has been painted for the piece, and Mr. BAKER has not forgotten to set its changing moods to congenial music. "Oliver Twist" is announced for this evening and Monday, and will most likely have the great success we anticipated for it.

Academy of Music—German Drama.

The *Marguerite* of GOETHE's "Faust," to which Mlle. JANAUSCHEK appeared last evening at the Academy, will scarcely be remembered as one of that artiste's successes. The character, one of the most purely poetical conceptions in all the range of dramatic literature, mainly suffers from over-elaboration at Mlle. JANAUSCHEK's hands. It is not a fault that she does not look the dreamy maiden of the German master's fancy—although that is a drawback—but we might as well expect from the wild north wind the gentle murmurs which the Summer zephyrs breathe, as seek to find in the energetic acting of this lady a sympathetic link to the mild and tender spirit which belongs to the gentle *Marguerite*. It is not that Mlle. JANAUSCHEK does not labor to repress her naturally feverish style to the moods of GOETHE's heroine; but the effort is too palpable, and in a performance which is nothing if not spontaneously the very essence of simplicity, the artifice of the actress is always prominent. The one particular merit about Mlle. JANAUSCHEK, as far as we have been able to judge her from the past, is that her study is most elaborate, and her acting is most perfect of its kind. She appears to trust nothing to impulse, and therefore admirers of spasm may not always appreciate her purity of taste, and may miss some of her points because they are not paraded into them. Nevertheless she must shine particularly in characters that call for expression of the fiercer passions of humanity, and *Marguerite* is not one of these. As we learn that she has now become her own manager, and may be expected to act only those parts that she knows herself to be best in, without reference to the unsympathetic manager's demand that an actress shall only play what will "draw," we may look for an enlargement of Mlle. JANAUSCHEK's repertoire immediately. "Faust," as it was presented last evening, was not the whole poem that GOETHE wrote, that would have taken a couple of evenings to get through; still it was quite long enough, and the play in its compressed form acts well, and is made to include in the grouping the realization of a good many of RETZSCH's outlines. Mr. CHELINSKA's *Mephistopheles* was an able effort at representing the limping devil. The tone, however, was scarcely malignant, nor were the expressions of exultation and hatred that so entirely make up the character well defined either in his manner or upon his face. *Faust*, in GOETHE's play, is not an effective dramatic character, and his

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Holidays—Mexican Affairs—The Finances—The Senate and Secretary Stanton—The Removal of Gen. Pope.

Special Correspondence of the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 26, 1867.

It is not likely that our legislators will be any the worse for their holiday visit to their homes, for events have moved quick of late—noticeable transformations in politics and opinion occurred during even the brief period from the opening of the session—so that we may suppose Congressmen will find it advantageous to see their constituents face to face; and perhaps on the reassembling things may define themselves a little more clearly. Yet in regard to the great issues that are to take shape in a Presidential canvass, which it is plain to see will be among the intensest and most exciting in our political history, much will depend on developments from day to day, and during all the days up to May next. Many things that now seem to be fixed will, doubtless, turn out to have been fleeting and fluxional; what appear as Presidential stars of the first magnitude may dwindle or disappear, and new planets may swim into our ken. The consciousness of this fact is rather a damper on political speculation, a species of industry which, however, does not fail to go on here both with the wise and the unwise. For to-day, however, I shall not indulge in vaticination, but confine this letter to such gleanings of gossip as the rather barren season affords.

THE MEXICAN MISSION.

There are something like a thousand and one applicants for the Mexican mission here. The President is daily besieged by them and by their backers, but he has thus far persistently refused to give any one of the candidates the slightest encouragement. In consequence, each one is pitching into Mr. JOHNSON for his dilatoriness, and the result will doubtless be that, when the nomination is made, the thousand disappointed aspirants will turn into bitter enemies. On this subject I shall hazard a prediction, for which I have no other warrant than certain conspiring indications; it is that the Mexican mission will not be filled until the return of Señor ROMERO; for if it be true that between him and the State Department there was, previously to his departure for Mexico, an understanding had regarding matters of high concern to the two Republics, then the selection of Ambassador will naturally depend on the complexion of Mr. ROMERO's report as to the disposition of the dominating element into the oncoming Presidential campaign, and the absence of a well-matured and satisfactory policy will be to the Republicans a prodigious weakness.

THE SENATE AND STANTON.

The Senate is going to find itself mightily bothered in the Stanton case. So far as I have inquired, none of the Senators see how he can be reinstated. Certainly if he shall be put back the President will not recognize him, and will order him ejected from the White House if he should obtrude himself there. And yet to fail to restore him, after the expressed determination to do so, cannot but add to Mr. JOHNSON's prestige. The case is in all aspects a most remarkable one, for STANTON has no recourse whatever, and the pass to which things have been brought by the first exemplification of the effects of the Tenure of Office bill, is accepted as proof of its inherent unsoundness. Some of the more moderate Republican Senators are in favor of cutting the Gordian knot by repealing the bill itself—a plan which, though far from likely to be carried into effect for a while yet, still develops the change that has come over a good many members of the Republican Party.

POPE'S REMOVAL AND SUCCESSOR.

The President's friends here express a great deal of surprise at his delay to remove Gen. POPE. It is suggested by some that the retention of POPE is a good piece of political strategy on the part of Mr. JOHNSON, as POPE's administration of his department is working constant damage and scandal to the Congressional scheme of reconstruction. I believe, however, that Mr. JOHNSON is firmly resolved to make a change at the earliest moment, and that the delay only arises from the difficulty in obtaining a suitable successor to POPE. Of those who have been suggested, Gen. MEADE has been supposed to stand foremost, and the fact that he has been in Washington for some days past gives a colorable show to the statement of those that he is the President's choice. I have, however, very good reasons to believe that Gen. MEADE is very unlikely to accept the position. I certainly know that when, on SHERIDAN's removal from Louisiana, MEADE heard that the President had been thinking of placing him there, he sent word to the President begging him to abandon the purpose, and stating that he was "an awful Radical—more radical than any of them." Now there is no evidence that meanwhile Gen. MEADE has altered his views, and there is little probability therefore that he will be sent to Military District Number Two. In conversation with the writer, Gen. MEADE expressed himself as very strongly in favor of GRANT for the Presidency. Not but that he would prefer a civilian for the office; but if, as seems likely, the chair is to be filled by a soldier, then he considers GRANT the fittest person—the "most self-poised of them all." The General represents Pennsylvania as strong for GRANT, and even the extreme Radicals, who at heart felt like spewing him out of their mouths, are now fain to throw up their caps for him. Next to MEADE Gen. THOMAS is most spoken of for POPE's place. That sturdy old soldier is, however, understood to be full as much of a Radical as MEADE. Nevertheless the President is well known to entertain a warm personal regard for THOMAS; and his appointment would not be surprising. If the position is not accepted by him ROUSSEAU's chances will be good.

OVERWORKED JUDGES.

In dropping in of an evening to see any of the Judges of the Supreme Court you are quite sure to find them hard at work, as the prodigious weight of business imposes labor on them at all times. There is a feeling among them that it will soon be absolutely necessary to diminish the burdens by some restrictions of the conditions on which cases may be carried before the Court. It is suggested that suits to be admitted should be for not less than $10,000, instead of $2,000 as is now the case; and also that questions of fact should be determined by the lower courts, leaving the supreme tribunal to deal only with matters of *law*.

GURNEY'S PORTRAIT OF GRANT.

The other day I observed Gen. GRANT's father holding by the hand one of ULYSSES' young sons, and both looking with much interest at a beautiful chromo-lithograph of the General which has lately been placed in the office of Willard's Hotel. The portrait is published by Mr. GURNEY, of your City, and is altogether the most striking and faithful likeness of the General ever issued, while the delicacy of the finish in colors gives it all the charms of a first-class oil-painting. Everybody, including the General and his family, and every one that sees it, is delighted with it; and it is bound to be in great demand when it comes to be issued.

PERSONAL AND GOSSIP.

Gens. SHERMAN and SHERIDAN are both absent for the holidays, but will return here as they will both be engaged in Washington during the whole of January in the duty of going over the new code of army regulations. Both are looking in excellent health. SHERMAN is a most devoted friend of GRANT, for whom he cherishes the most ardent personal affection—but *on dit* that he is not too well pleased with the radicalism of GRANT's Stanton letter. As I get this indirectly, it may or may not be so. The other day SHERMAN stated that when, last Autumn, he was summoning the Indian chiefs to the council, they objected delaying their coming till November, as they prognosticated an early winter and they feared they would have difficulties in returning. He related this circumstance a few days ago, during the terrible storm, which he cited as a proof of Indian weather-wisdom. SHERIDAN is much fatter than he was in the war times, but is as jolly and rollicking as ever. It would be no news to say that he is a strong Radical, and I may add that he expresses the most assured belief in the triumph of Radical principles. "The man who attempts to obstruct the advancing tide," said he, the other day, in conversation, "might as well get ready his little gravestone." Nor does he scruple to avow himself a Fenian sympathizer, though his sympathy, as he explained it to us, is mixed up with a philosophy little dreamed of by the Fenians. As an interesting war reminiscence, I may mention that the official record in the War Department shows that SHERIDAN, during his command of less than a year in Virginia, captured as many flags from the rebels as were taken by all the other armies of the United States during the entire course of the war. What a shining record! Mr. SEWARD wears the appearance of better health than he has presented for years, and to visitors of an evening, his speculative and philosophyzing mind shines vivacious and elastic as ever. SUMNER has gone to live again in the fine house he bought on his marriage. He looks worn and saddened, and badly cut up. FIDES.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 27.

THE REMOVAL OF GEN. POPE.

The subject of the removal of Gen. POPE was not considered in Cabinet to-day, as was anticipated, and the President has not yet decided upon his successor so far as can be ascertained. It is stated in military circles here to-day that Gen. MEADE, when approached on the subject of assuming command in the South, expressed a preference to remain in command of the Department of the East. The name of Gen. ROUSSEAU is now mentioned as Gen. POPE's successor. He is shortly expected to return from the Pacific coast.

THE PURCHASE OF ST. THOMAS.

There seems to be but little question that the treaty with Denmark for the purchase of St. Thomas will meet with strong opposition in the Senate. It is not at all certain that the Foreign Relations Committee of that body will report favorably upon the project, and even if it should, its chances will be very slim in the Senate. The argument mostly used is the objection to paying any price for the island on the ground of no commensating advantages. It is admitted that unless St. Thomas remains a free port as now, it will be of no use as a commercial depot.

SENATOR SHERMAN'S FINANCIAL SCHEME.

Senator SHERMAN intends to urge his financial bill upon the early attention of the Senate, so as to give the country a certain basis for the resumption of business in the Spring. It is scarcely possible, however, that a plan involving such great questions and large interests can be perfected and matured into legislation before April or May next.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Committee appointed at a meeting of the delegates from various Soldiers' Leagues, held in this city two weeks ago, to communicate with all the Leagues throughout the country and with prominent military men as to the propriety of holding a National Convention of soldiers and sailors during next May, for the purpose of nominating a Presidential ticket, report that responses are coming in favorably from all portions of the country. Among those who approve of the plan are the Governors of some two or three States, who were Generals in our army during the late war. Another meeting of various delegates from the Northern States is to be held here on Jan. 8, when the address to the soldiers of the country will be prepared, and the time and place selected when and where the Convention will be held.

THIRTY MILLIONS OF GOLD.

The twenty-four years bonds of 1867, falling due on the last of this month and payable on the 1st of January, amount to about six million dollars in coin. The semi-annual interest on the bonds of 1881, payable also on the 1st prox., will amount to about eight and a half millions, which, together with the half-yearly interest on the Five-twenties, amounting to about fifteen millions, will put nearly thirty millions in gold in the market early in January.

THE SANDWICH ISLAND TREATY.

The Sandwich Island Reciprocity Treaty will not be reported on by the Senate Finance Committee until after the Danish Treaty has been disposed of. Among others who are here for the purpose of urging its ratification, are Minister HARRIS, the American Envoy, our Minister to the islands of King KAMAHAMAHA and Gen. MCCOOK.

DESTITUTION IN THE SOUTH.

The statements regarding the destitution in the South are receiving the attention of Gen. HOWARD, who neglects no opportunity to administer to the welfare of the Southern people regardless of caste or color. He thinks some measure of relief will have to be adopted by Congress, and he is already in receipt of several plans proposed by Southern gentlemen. Some of these propose a Government loan of twenty-five to thirty millions at six per cent., secured by lien on the property and crops of those receiving it. Gen. HOWARD does not approve these plans, but recommends instead a generous distribution of food by the Government, the cost to be repaid by a lien on the crops; the distribution to be made through responsible civilian agents residing in the respective districts.

INTERNATIONAL REVENUE STAMPS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue invites all persons desirous of furnishing designs for internal revenue stamps, or plans for their cancellation, to submit them for examination at that office prior to Feb. 1, 1868, with a view to their adoption, if found to be satisfactory and effectual. Particular attention is called to the desire of the Department to procure such a stamp and to adopt such a method of cancellation as shall effectually protect the Treasury against losses from counterfeiting, and from the restoration and use of the stamp. Persons submitting propositions are requested to state the terms upon which their plans, designs and stamps are submitted to the Government. Each plan submitted will receive careful attention.

FUNERAL OF GEN. GRIFFIN.

The funeral of the late Gen. CHARLES GRIFFIN, who died in Texas of yellow fever, will take place to-morrow. The remains will be accompanied to the place of interment by an escort comprising all the troops within the garrison of Washington.

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CHATFIELD—WATSON.—In Middleburgh, N. Y., on Tuesday, Dec. 24, by Rev. Horace L. Grant, assisted by Rev. David Swope, CHARLES G. CHATFIELD, editor of the *College Courant*, New-Haven, Conn., to F. CORALIN WATSON, eldest daughter of Chauncey Watson, of Middleburgh. No cards.

DANNER—ROSE.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 26, by Dr. Samuel D. Alexander, assisted by Rev. Edgar V. S. Danner, Rev. JULIUS L. DANNER to MIRIAM M. ROSE, eldest daughter of Wm. H. Rose, Esq., of this City.

FONDA—MURPHY.—On Tuesday, Dec 24, by Rev. George S. Chambers, Mr. STEPHEN S. FONDA to Miss JENNIE MURPHY, all of this City.

GARDCOAT—LYMAN.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 26, by Rev. D. M. Halliday, D. D., assisted by Rev. E. D. Murphy, Rev. D. S. GREGORY, of New-Haven, Conn., to Miss HATTIE LYMAN, adopted daughter of the officiating clergyman.

GURNSEY—WATSON.—On Thursday, Dec. 26, by Rev. Dr. Downing, Mr. Geo. N. GURNSEY to Miss MARY L. WATSON, all of this City.

MOORE—CARROLL.—On Thursday, Dec. 26, by Rev. A. H. Partridge, assisted by Rev. Thomas Malaby, THOMAS MOORE to LOUISA CLAY, daughter of the late Nicholas Carroll, of New-York.

ORTON—VAN PATTEN.—In Rome, N. Y., on Wednesday, Dec. 25, by Rev. J. M. Harris, ALBERT W. ORTON, of New-York, to LEMEN A., daughter of Adam Van Patten, Esq., of the former place.

SMITH—BENDAN.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 26, by Rev. Dr. Kendrick, Mr. HENRY E. SMITH, of Waterloo, N. Y., to Mrs. ANN E. BENDAN, daughter of the late Thomas Fanning, of this City.

SMITH—DAVIS.—In New-York City, on Thursday, Dec. 26, by Rev. W. A. W. Maybin, Mrs. CHARLES HOWDEN SMITH to Miss ADELAIDE DAVIS, daughter of John Davis, M. D., all of New-York City.

DIED.

DAY.—At Melrobin, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 26, Mrs. HARRIET BAY, relict of Thomas Bay, of Hudson, N. Y., aged 74 years.

Funeral at Hudson on Tuesday, the 31st inst.

BOWERS.—At Coopertown, N. Y., on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, MARY W. BOWERS, in the 15th year of her age.

CHILD.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 26, MARY ANN CHILD, wife of Daniel Child, aged 69 years and 9 months.

Funeral will take place at the residence of her son-in-law, Charles E. Kergler, 50th-st., between 2d and 3d avs.

☞ Providence and Warren, R. I., papers please copy.

COLLINS.—On Friday, Dec. 27, GEORGE H. COLLINS, in the 23d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the Baptist Church, corner of Dunning and Bedford sts., on Sunday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

DE LAMATER.—On Friday, Dec. 27, of dropsy, MARIE, infant daughter of Leander M. and Mary T. S. De Lamater, and grand-daughter of John Stephenson, Esq., aged 14 months and 17 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from No. 338 East 30th-st., this day, (Saturday,) the 28th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

DENVER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 25, WILLIAM H., son of John and Mary Denver, aged 27 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 1 P. M., from the Grove-st. Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

MCGEE.—At Oyster Bay, L. I., on Thursday, Dec. 26, Mrs. ELIZABETH MCGEE, in the 79th year of her age.

Funeral services at the residence of David J. Youngs, at Oyster Bay, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 2 P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MILLER.—On Friday morning, Dec. 27, after a protracted illness, Dr. JEDEDIAH MILLER.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 313 2d-av., on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2 o'clock P. M.

MURPHY.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 26, WILLIE WIRT, only son of William D and Effie B. Murphy.

The relatives and friends of the family, also members of Brooklyn Engine Co. No. 17, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from No. 1 Fulton-av., on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 2 P. M.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

STEWARD.—On Thursday morning, Dec. 26, at his late residence, No. 26 Rutgers-st., Rev. ISAAC R. STEWARD, in the 73d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at the Mariners' Temple, corner of Oliver and Henry sts., on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 2½ P. M. The remains will be taken to New-London, Conn., for interment.

VILLAVERDE.—At Mott Haven, on Thursday, Dec. 26, EMILIA VILLAVERDE, aged 6 years, 5 months and 26 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock in the morning. Carriages will be in attendance at Harlem Bridge, New-York side.

☞ Havana papers please copy.

WAINWRIGHT.—On Friday evening, Dec. 27, S. WAINWRIGHT, in his 93d year.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral at the residence of his son-in-law, J. N. Bradley, No. 9 East 14th-st., on Monday morning, the 30th inst., at 9½ o'clock.

YOUNGS.—On Friday, Dec. 27, JANE W., wife of W. Youngs.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Monday morning, the 30th inst., at 10 o'clock, from her late residence, without further notice. The remains will be taken to Greenwood.

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DUBUQUE, SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Mortgage Preferred Bonds.
DETROIT and MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Funding Bonds.
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due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid at our office, No. 12 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 2d proximo, in Government Funds.

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NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

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These bonds are part of a series of one million of dollars secured by mortgage 6th 200 miles of railroad, of which Messrs. Denning Duer and James Robb are Trustees. These Bonds have 7 years to run, with 7 per cent. interest coupons, payable semi-annually in New-York. The liens on the railroad having priority amount to $3,389,333, making the total incumbrance $3,889,333, and an estimated value exceeding ten millions of dollars, since the conclusion of the war extensive improvements have been made, and its condition will compare favorably with that of leading lines of Western railway. The profits of the Company from 1858 to 1862 were large, and, after paying interest on bonded debt, yielded over 15 per cent. to the shareholders. Those of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1867, were $547,187 76, being more than double of the liability for annual interest, including the issue of the second mortgage bonds, and earned during a most unfavorable season, owing to the failure of Southern crops.

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TREASURY OF GEORGIA, MILLEDGEVILLE, Oct. 1, 1867.

THE STATE OF GEORGIA PROPOSES to exchange for her bonds bearing 5 or 6 per cent. interest, due in 1868, 1869 and 1870, 7 per cent. secured by mortgage on the Western and Atlantic Railroad, due in 1886, on the following terms: Bonds due in 1868, subject to a deduction of 7 per cent.; those due in 1869, of 2 per cent.; those due in 1870, of 3 per cent.

The sum total of mortgage bonds after such exchange, will be 3,600,000, being the full amount authorized. Holders desiring to make the exchange, will notify Jno. Jones, State Treasurer, Milledgeville, Ga. By order of the Governor,

JOHN JONES, Treasurer.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1867.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of this Bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, the 14th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

THE CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS for this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1868. Polls open from 12 noon to 1 P. M.

GEORGE A. DRESSER, Secretary.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 237 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

F. A. PALMER, President.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking-house, Broadway and Chambers st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-room, No. 42 Wall-st., on TEUSDAY, the 14th day of January proximo.

Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD COMPANY, DEC. 16, 1867.

COUPONS OF THE SECOND MORTGAGE Bonds of this Company, falling due on the 1st January, 1868, will be paid at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., New-York.

GEO. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NASHVILLE, Dec. 5, 1867.

THE INTEREST ON THE PUBLIC debt of the State of Tennessee, falling due on the 1st day of January 1868, will be paid at the Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York.

G. W. BLACKBURN, Comptroller.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No 191 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

A. GILBERT, Cashier.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, Dec. 10, 1867.

SEVEN-THIRTIES OF 1865 (30) THIRTY OR MORE Coupons due on the 1st of January, 1868, will now be received for examination at the United States Treasury.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

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5-20 Coupon, '62.	105⅛	105⅜	July, '65.....	104⅝	104¾
5-20 Coupon, '64.	105⅛	105⅝	May, comp'd's, '65	117⅛	117⅜
5-20 Coupon, '65.	105⅝	105⅞	Aug., comp'ds, '65	116⅛	116¼
5-20 C. '62 Jan & July	105⅝	105⅞	Sept., comp'ds, '65	115⅞	116
5-20 Coupon, '67.	108⅛	108⅜	Oct., comp'ds, '65	115¼	115¾
10-40 Reg.....	101⅝	101⅞			

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1868.

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The Seven per Cent. interest coupons (bonds of 1882) due Jan. 1, will be paid at the banking-house of Eugene Kelly & Co., No. 24 Nassau-st., New-York.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

CAUTION.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1867.

The public are cautioned against taking sundry checks, dated on or before the 17th inst., drawn on this Bank, on the ALBANY CITY NATIONAL BANK, payable at this Bank, or on DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO. The checks have been paid, and were stolen from a letter on the 13th inst.; they are valueless in the hands of the holders. The Bank has a record of nearly all the checks.

JOHN. B. KEARNEY, Cashier.

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OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 51 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1867.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to 1st of January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premium, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, GENERAL OFFICE, No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1867.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from this date until the morning of WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1868.

By order of the Board of Managers,

A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 54 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1867.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Company due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid in full in gold coin on and after that date at the banking house of FISK & HATCH, Bankers and Financial Agents of the Central Pacific Railroad Company.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS SLEEPING-COACH COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in this City, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 1868, at 11 A. M.

H. C. BARR, Secretary.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at their Banking-room, No. 655 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1867.

THE COUPONS OF THE SACRAMENTO Valley Railroad Company's bonds, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid at the banking-house of EUGENE KELLY & CO., No. 24 Nassau-st.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, Agent and Attorney.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1868.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN BONDS. 7 per cent.—A limited number of above bonds for sale; the net income is now eight times the amount of interest on the bonds offered. H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President, No. 43 Wall-st.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. (3½), per cent., free from United States Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Company, or to their legal representatives, on the 2d day of January next, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York. The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., Saturday, 21st December instant, and reopened on the morning of Friday, 3d January, 1868.

WM. F. STAUNTON, Secretary.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SIX (6) per cent., has been this day declared, free of all tax, out of the profits of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 2. An extra dividend of two and 67-100 per cents. free of Government tax, also been declared, to pay the taxes levied by the City and County against the shareholders of the Bank. The transfer-book will remain closed from the 24th inst. to Jan. 2, inclusive. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 25 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) per cent., free from tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 2, 1868.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868, until which date the transfer book will be closed.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX (6) PER CENT., free from Government tax, will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

ANTHONY BAILEY, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1867.

NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT., free of the Government tax, has been declared, payable to the stockholders of this Company, and to the stockholders of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Company, on the 2d day of January next: to the stockholders registered in New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York; and to the stockholders registered in Cleveland at the office of the Treasurer, by check on New-York or funds current in Cleveland, as the stockholders may respectively elect at the time of receiving their dividend. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from 3 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 21st inst., until the 3d day of January next.

GEO. B. ELY, Treasurer.

GENERAL OFFICES ERIE RAILWAY CO., No. 187 WEST-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE ERIE Railway Company have declared a dividend on the Preferred stock, from the earnings of the road for the year 1867, of seven per cent., payable, less the Government tax, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January next, at the Treasurer's office, Erie-place, to the registered holders of stock at the closing of the books.

The transfer books of the Preferred stock will close on FRIDAY, the 6th inst., and reopen on the 7th of January, 1868. By order of the Board,

HORATIO N. OTIS, Secretary.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, HARTFORD, Dec. 15, 1867.

NOTICE.—A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF Three Dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 26th day of December instant, by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on THURSDAY, Jan. 2, 1868. Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed the 26th day of December to reopen the 3d of January.

S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 1 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

FORTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD of Directors have THIS DAY decared a dividend of Six (6) Per Cent. out of the earnings of the road for the three months ending 31st inst., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 6th of January next.

Transfer-books will be closed on the afternoon of the 28th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 8th prox.

HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of five per cent. in cash, free of Government tax, to be paid on the first day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares registered upon the books of the Company on the 18th day of January next. The transfer-books to be closed from the 18th day of January until the 4th day of February next.

THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, CORNER WILLIAM-ST. NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable, free of Government tax, on the 6th of January, to the stockholders on the closing of the books on the 31st inst.

The books will open on the 6th January.

GEO. F. FITCH, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, Cor. 4TH-AV. & 26TH-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a Dividend of Four per cent. on the preferred and common stock, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next, at this office. The transfer-books will be closed at 2 P. M., December 23, 1867, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 6th day of January, 1868. C. VANDERBILT, Jr. Treasurer.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

DIVIDENDS.—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS of the Bank of America have this day declared a Dividend of Five per cent. to the current six months, free of all tax, payable to the stockholders on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer books will remain closed from this day until the morning of SATURDAY, Jan 4, 1868.

WM. L. JENKINS, Cashier.

TREASURER'S OFFICE NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, CORNER OF 27TH-ST. AND 4TH-AV. NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. from the earnings of the past six months on the capital stock of the Company (free of Government tax) has been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer-books will be closed from and after 3 o'clock P. M. Dec. 17 until and including Jan. 2, 1868.

JOHN T. SHELTON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIAN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

A SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST DIVIDEND of three and one-half (3½) per cent., free of Government tax, will be paid the stockholders of this Company on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 2, next.

The transfer-books will be closed to the 2d January, by order,

R. V. GARAGAN, Secretary.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. A net of the earnings of the last six months of this day been declared, free of all tax, payable to the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer-books will be closed until that date.

H. E. LERCH, Jr., Cashier.

NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY, Dec. 19, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared a dividend of three per cent., payable on the 2d of January next, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company's office, New-York. Transfer-books will be closed from the 2d to the 10th prox.

G. L. PERKINS, Treasurer.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a dividend of five (5) per cent., free of all taxes, out of the earnings of the current six months, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, free of Government tax, payable on the second day of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed until that day.

JOHN T. BANKER, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 363 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from this date to Jan. 2, 1868. JOHN T. LILLIE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent. from the earnings of the current six months, free of all tax, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free from Government tax, is declared payable Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer books close Dec. 24, P. M., and open Jan. 3. B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer book will be closed until the 2d prox.

WM. H. COX, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of all tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868. The transfer-books will be closed from this date to Jan. 2, 1868.

A. HASTERTON, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on and after 2d January next. The transfer-books will be closed until the 31st January, 1868.

W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next until which day the transfer-books will be closed. By order of the Board.

GEO. J. ZABRISKIE, Ass't Cashier.

MACON AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, MACON, Ga., Dec. 16, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after 30th of January next, at the National Bank of the Republic, New-York. Transfer books are closed till Jan. 20.

MILO S. FREEMAN, Treasurer.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., from the earnings of the current six months, free of all tax, will be paid to the stockholders on the 2d January, 1868. The transfer books will remain closed until the 2d prox.

JOHN L. LEE, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable to stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

A. GILBERT, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on and after the 2d day of January next, until which day the transfer books will be closed.

J. D. BEARD, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.

The transfer Books will remain closed until that date.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND Of Five (5) per cent. has been declared, free of all taxes, payable on and after 2d January next.

The transfer-books will remain closed until 2d prox.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF the UNION TRUST COMPANY of New-York have declared a Dividend of Four Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable at the office of the Company, No. 73 Broadway, on and after the 2d day of January, 1868.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Dec. 16, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE Metropolitan National Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) per Cent., free of all tax, payable on the first Monday of January next.

The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 10, 1868.

GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

BULLION CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, OF COLORADO.—A dividend has been declared payable Jan. 1, 1868, to stockholders of that date. Payable in Boston at the office of the Company, No. 19 Lindall-st., and in New-York at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company's.

J. F. WHITNEY, Treasurer.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free from Government tax, has been declared on the capital stock of this Bank, payable on and after Jan. 6

H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R. CO., OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4, 1867.

DIVIDEND NO. 16.—THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent. (2½), free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, and the semi-annual dividend of three and one-half (3½) per cent., less Government tax, on the Third Mortgage Bonds, payable on and after THURSDAY, 16th day of January, 1868, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The transfer books will close on Saturday, 28th inst., at 3 P. M., and reopen on Friday, Jan. 17, 1867.

By order of the Board,

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free of all tax, is this day declared, payable Jan. 6, 1868. Transfer-books close Dec. 28, P. M., and open Jan. 7. C. F. TIMPSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES WAREHOUSE COMPANY, No. 6 Nassau-st., New-York, Dec. 10, 1867.—The Trustees have this day declared a Dividend of Four Per cent., payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868. IRA KETCHAM, Sec'y.

SAVINGS BANKS.

WILLIAMSBURGH SAVINGS BANK, CORNER OF SOUTH THIRD AND FOURTH STS., BROOKLYN, E. D., (late WILLIAMSBURGH,) L. I.

DIVIDEND AND EXTRA DIVIDEND.

Depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual Interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums of THREE DOLLARS and upward that shall have been deposited three months on the 1st day of January next, will be paid to depositors on or after MONDAY, Jan. 20, 1868.

AN EXTRA INTEREST will also be paid at the same time at the rate of TWO PER CENT. per annum.

ALL FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

Interest not called for will be placed to the credit of depositors as principal, and draw interest from Jan. 1. Deposits made on or before the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st.

The Bank is open for business daily, (Sundays and holidays excepted,) on MONDAYS and SATURDAYS, from 9 to o'clock P. M., and on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M.

GEORGE RICARD, President.

WILLIAM WALL, NATHANIEL BANGGS, } Vice-Presidents.

SAMUEL W. TRUSLOW, Secretary.

INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS, CLERKS AND OTHERS, No. 616 BROADWAY.

DIVIDEND AND EXTRA DIVIDEND

For six months and three months, payable Jan. 20, 1868—Six per cent. per annum, on sums of $500 and under, and 5 per cent. on larger sums of $1,000, and Five per cent. per annum on larger sums payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 20.

The dividend will be credited under date of Jan. 1, and if not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit of that date.

E. J. BROWN, President.

EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer. C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK.

CHATHAM-SQUARE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

The Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Savings Bank have ordered that interest on all deposits, from $1 to $5,000, be paid to all depositors entitled to the same on and after MONDAY, Jan. 20, 1868, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. FREE OF TAX.

All interest not drawn will be credited to the depositor, and will receive interest as a deposit.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will receive interest from the 1st.

Interest not called for will be credited as principal and draw interest from Jan. 1, 1868.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 10, will draw interest from the 1st.

BENJAMIN F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.

JOHN S. DICKERSON, JAMES BRICE, Secretaries.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 3 Chambers-st., New-York, Dec. 24, 1867.

INTEREST FOR THE THREE AND six months ending Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on sums of $500 and under, and 6 per cent. on sums over $500.

Interest not called for will draw interest from the 1st day of January. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. till 3 P. M., and on Thursday from 10 A. M. till 7 P. M.

WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.

CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 96 Warren-st.

INTEREST ALLOWED AT THE RATE of six per cent. on all sums of $2,000 and under, and five per cent. on all sums over $2,000, not exceeding $5,000, free of Government tax. Money deposited now draws interest from Jan. 1.

Bank open daily from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONOKLIN, President.

V. I. BUXTON, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, CORNER of 8th-av. and 42d-st.

All accounts of $5 and upward in this institution will be credited with interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT., in accordance with the by-laws, and payable on or after Jan. 20. Interest not called for will be credited as principal, and draw interest from Jan. 1.

DEPOSITS made before Jan. 21 draw interest from Jan. 1. SAMUEL NEWBY, President.

J. F. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 8TH-AV., CORNER OF 14TH-ST.—SIX PER CENT. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Jan. 1 will draw interest from Jan. 1. R. H. MACLAY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

DIME SAVINGS BANK OF WILLIAMSBURGH—Corner of South 7th and 1st-sts.—Money deposited on or before January 20, draws interest from January 1st. Six per cent. on $5 to $5,000, free of tax. Amount received, $1,476,878 46

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SAILING SEMI-MONTHLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M., PRECISELY, FROM PIER No. 4, NORTH RIVER.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Jan. 2.
MORRIS CASTLE, Capt. ADAMS, Jan. 9.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICE, Jan. 16.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. H. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
CHANGE OF STEAMER AND SAILING DAY.
UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMSHIP
GEORGIA,
Will sail as above from Pier No. 36 East River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS,
No. 61 Beaver-st.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKELPAUGH, Feb. 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, March 23.
These elegant steamers are fitted up with all modern improvements, and will touch at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
The Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamer EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, will sail for Havana, sailing at Nassau to land passengers and mails, on THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1868. For freight or passage apply to GEO. H. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
Measurement goods, 5 cents per cubic foot.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamships
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. EATON, sails THURSDAY, Jan. 2,
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, giving through passage tickets over the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points on the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 82 Liberty-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
Steamship MONTGOMERY, LYONS, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Dec. 28.
MARMION FAIRCLOTH, leaves TUESDAY, Dec. 31.
Steamship HUNTSVILLE, CROWELL, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Jan. 4,
at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River.
E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.
Through passage tickets over the Central R. R. of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf R. R., Florida, to all points in the interior, at lower rates than any other line.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY—EVERY THURSDAY.
MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, THURSDAY, Jan. 2.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEBBY, THURSDAY, Jan. 9,
from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
For freight or passage apply to
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.
—U. States passports indispensable to travelers, issued by E. L. JONES, Passport Agent, 262 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42, North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon of the 1st, 11th, and 21st of every month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, then on Saturday preceding.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Dec. 21, ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION.
Steamer Feb. 11, 1868, connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco, March 5, for Japan and China.
For passage berths and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY!
THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua.
Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line, for passage and freight, over both routes, as follows:
VIA PANAMA.
JAN. 4, 1868—Steamship ARAGO, connecting with steamship AMERICA.
JAN. 24, 1868—Steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, connecting with steamship NEVADA.
Feb. 13, 1868—Steamship DAKOTA, connecting with steamship NEBRASKA.
VIA NICARAGUA.
JAN 15, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.
FEB. 25, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.
These steamships are expressly fitted for this trade, and are unsurpassed for safety, speed, elegance and comfort, and their rates for passage and freight will always be LOWER than BY ANY OTHER LINE.
For further particulars address the undersigned at No. 177 West-street, New-York.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.
No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Persons purchasing tickets this month for steamer ARAGO, Jan. 4, can do so at the VERY LOW PRICE of $100 first cabin; $80 second cabin; $40 steerage, in currency, through to San Francisco, railroad fare and subsistence included.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA,
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer ARIZONA will sail on TUESDAY, Dec. 31, at 12 o'clock noon. Freight received until Monday, at 3 P. M.
For rates, &c., inquire at Freight Office, on Company's Pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M., connecting with the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio, Virginia Central, and Petersburgh and Weldon Railroads.
For freight or passage apply to
WM. P. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Day-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., connecting with the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio, Virginia Central, and Petersburgh and Weldon Railroads.
For freight or passage apply to
WM. P. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Day-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—Regular line. Steamers going to the Florida ports, and no other than new steamers in the line. The fast and popular steamship SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched on SATURDAY, Jan. 4, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 East River, foot of Wall-st.
Bills of lading issued to all points in the South and Southwest.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE GULF MAIL LINE.—Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9, N. R., at 3 o'clock P. M. as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL, SATURDAY, Dec. 28.
GEO. WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, Jan. 4
For passage or freight, apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

OUTSIDE LINE FOR BALTIMORE—MERCHANTS' DISPATCH LINE.—The steamer PROMETHEUS, P. M. Harris, Cap'in, will sail on SATURDAY, Dec. 28, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 4 P. M. For freight, apply to
WHEELER LINNARD, No. 13 Broadway.

STEAMBOATS.

BRISTOL LINE.
FOR
BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
VIA BRISTOL, R. I.
FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.
The magnificent steamers BRISTOL, Capt. BEATON, and PROVIDENCE, Capt. SIMMONS, at 5 P. M. daily.
Only twelve hour and fifty minutes by rail from Bristol to Boston. Arriving in Boston in ample time to connect with Northern and Eastern trains.
Passage and state-rooms secured at the office, on Pier No. 40 North River, near foot of Canal-st. Also, tickets sold and baggage checked through at the office of Westcott's Express Company, No. 1 Park-place, No. 706 and 945 Broadway; Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th-st. and 4th-av.; Hudson River Railroad Depot, 30th-st. and 9th-av., New-York; No. 259 Washington-st., Brooklyn.
By purchasing tickets at any of these offices, baggage can be checked from residence to destination.
GEO. W. TIERS, Agent.

SHREWSBURY, LONG BRANCH AND RED BANK.
The favorite steamboat MAYA will leave pier foot of Barclay-st., short pier, as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Thursday, Dec 5, 12 M.	Wednes., Dec. 11 A. M.
Saturday, Jan. 4, 12 M.	Friday, Dec. 6, 10:30 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1 P. M.	Monday, Dec. 9, 12:30 P. M.
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2 P. M.	Wednes., Dec. 11, 7 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 14, 3 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 A. M.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The strong and commodious steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. S. PARKER, will leave foot of Chambers-st. Fare reduced to 25 cents.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Thursday, Dec. 12, 8 A. M.	Friday, Dec. 13, 8 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:30 A. M.	Monday, Dec. 16, 8 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1:30 P. M.	Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1 P. M.
Thursday, Dec. 19, 1:30 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 20, 12 M.
Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 P. M.	Monday, Dec. 23, 1:30 A. M.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD &c.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 4 P. M. Trains leave New-Haven at 11 P. M.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:
1. For sewers in Forty-sixth and Fifty-first streets from their present terminations to the Hudson River.
2. For flagging sidewalks in Thirtieth-street from Seventh to Eighth-avenues.
3. For setting curb and gutter stones and flagging sidewalks in One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street between Third and Fourth avenues.
4. For setting curb and gutter stones and flagging sidewalks in Forty-eighth-street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
5. For paving with stone blocks West Eleventh-street from Seventh-avenue to West-street.
6. For paving Broad-street from Wall to South-street with Nicolson pavement.
7. For paving Monroe-street from Canal to Eighth-street with Nicolson pavement.
The limits embraced by such assessment, include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on
1. Both sides of Forty-sixth-street between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues; also both sides of Fifty-first-street from Eleventh-avenue to Hudson River; also both sides of Twelfth-avenue from Fifty-first to Fifty-second-streets.
2. Both sides of Thirtieth-street from Seventh to Eighth-avenue.
3. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street between Third and Fourth avenues.
4. The north side of Forty-eighth-street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
5. Both sides of West Eleventh-street from Greenwich-avenue to 3d West-street to the extent of half the block from West Eleventh-street.
6. Both sides of Broad-street from Wall to South streets; also the southerly side of Wall-street and both sides of Exchange-place and Beaver-street from Newstreet to a point distant half the block easterly from Broad-street; also both sides of Marketfield, South William, Stone and Bridge streets to a point distant half the block either way from Broad-street; also both sides of Pearl, Water, Front and South streets from Moore-street to Coenties-slip.
7. Both sides of Monroe-street from Canal to Eighth-street and half the block either way on intersecting street.
All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to JACOB F. OAKLEY, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-st., basement New Court House, within thirty days from the date of this notice.
JACOB F. OAKLEY,
JOHN D. OTTIWELL, } Board of Assessors.
ISAAC O. HUNT,
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT HOUSE, Dec. 16, 1867.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, ACCORDING to law, to all persons having claims against CATHARINE COLYER, late of the County of Richmond, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the Administrator of the said deceased, at the office of A. de Groot, at Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., on or before the 25th day of May next.—Dated this 19th day of October A. D. 1867.
PETER COLYER,
o19-law6mSa Administrator.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—THIS IS to notify all whom it may concern, that by an act passed before J. WENDERNAGLE, a Notary Public for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, on the (17th) seventeenth of December, 1867, we have revoked the power of attorney given by us to GEORGE W. READ, of the City and State of New-York, and he is no longer authorized to act for us.
READ & HUNT, New-Orleans, La.

FURNITURE.

REMOVAL.
WARREN WARD & CO.
MANUFACTURERS OF COTTAGE FURNITURE,
Have removed to their
NEW WAREHOUSE,
Nos. 75 and 77 Spring-st., corner Crosby, one block east of Broadway, between the St. Nicholas and Metropolitan Hotels,
Where they are prepared to furnish every variety of CHAMBER, PARLOR, LIBRARY AND DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
BEDDING, &c., &c.,
UNSURPASSED IN QUALITY AND AT THEIR USUAL REASONABLE PRICES.
FURNITURE. NO. 447 BROADWAY.

First-class at reasonable price, at wholesale or retail. THE FRENCH STYLE OF BLACK WALNUT FRAMES, for sale to dealers.
C. L. & J. B. KELTY, No. 497 Broadway.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
LEAVE JAMAICA FOR NEW-YORK.
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M. Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Syosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Islip SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arrives at Jamaica 9:40 A. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
I. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

PEIPHER'S DAILY LINE OF TRANSPORTATION.
On and after Nov. 1, 1867, the Peiphers' Daily Line will receive and transport goods and merchandise to Harrisburgh and stations beyond, from the depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, Pier No. 26 North River. All goods received up to 4 o'clock P. M. will be forwarded the same day. Freight taken at lowest rates and forwarded with dispatch.
Mark goods "Via Peipher daily line to Harrisburgh, Penn."
J. B. MORTGOMERY,
Proprietor Peipher Line.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT (foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
6 A. M.—Way Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Piermont.
5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson, at 8:45 a. m. 2:15 P. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.
SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 3:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway; depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. C. HEIN, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 84th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., and at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. This sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Roma, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
On Sunday this train will run via Hudson River Railroad from 30th-st. to Poughkeepsie, intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 5 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40. Also, leave New-York via Harlem Railroad, 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 9 P. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD—FOOT OF CORTLANDT-ST.—A DOUBLE-TRACK PASSENGER LINE SOUTH AND WEST.—No change of cars for 788 miles; 60 miles saved to Chicago, 182 to Cincinnati, 300 to Mobile, 118 to St. Louis, 216 to Memphis, and 270 miles to New-Orleans. Four Through Trains daily; 8:40 A. M., 12 noon, 5 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. Sundays, 12:30 P. M. only.
ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DEC. 16, 1867
7 A. M.—Philadelphia, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
10:40 A. M.—Baltimore and Washington and Pittsburgh without change of cars, connections at Pittsburgh and Baltimore for the West and at Baltimore and Washington for the South.
12 A. M.—West Philadelphia.
12 Noon—West Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, connecting at Baltimore with Western lines, via Wheeling and Parkersburgh.
1 P. M.—Philadelphia Way, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
4 P. M.—Philadelphia, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
5 P. M.—Cincinnati Express for West Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Silver Palace cars run through to Cincinnati without change; but one change to St. Louis and Chicago.
7:30 P. M.—Daily for Philadelphia, (Kensington.)
7:30 P. M.—Daily for Baltimore and Washington without change, connecting at Pittsburgh sleeping cars to Altoona and Baltimore, via trains of Baltimore and Ohio and Washington, D. C., and Washington for the South.
Tickets obtained and baggage checked at all hours of the day, at the Company's ticket office, foot of Cortlandt-st., and at Company's Office, No. 2 Market-st., Newark; Elizabeth, and at ticket offices and principal hotels in New-York.
F. W. JACKSON, General Superintendent.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 8:30 and 9:25 A. M., 1:22, 4:22, 5:23 and 6:30 P. M. The 5:30, 1:22 and 4:22 run to Monsey.
THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as first-class laundress; understands all kinds of fine washing, ironing and fluting; no objection to assist in the chamber work; the best of City references. Call at No. 219 East 21st-st., first floor, back room.

WANTED—BY AN OPERATOR ON WHEELER & Wilson's machine, who understands all kinds of family sewing and cutting; also is a practical fitter in clothing and making gentlemen's shirts; would take work home or go out to private families by day, with or without machine. Call or address No. 4 Bank-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION FOR A YOUNG WOMAN as chambermaid and seamstress; is willing, smart and tidy; or would do the housework of a small family; can give the best of reference from her last place. Call at No. 118 East 8th-st., St. Mark's-place, first floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chambermaid, waitress or nurse; is willing and obliging; good City reference. Call, for two days, at No. 37 Frankfort-st., first floor, Room No. 1.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN A situation as good cook; no objection to assist with the washing; good references. Call for two days, at No. 180 West 17th-st., between 7th and 8th avs., first floor, in the rear.

WANTED—BY A NEAT, COMPETENT, CIVIL girl a situation, in the City or country, to cook, wash and iron or to do general housework. Call or address COOK, &c., at No. 69 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN a situation as seamstress or to do light chamber-work and sewing. Can be seen for two days at No. 203 East 53d-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS laundress; understands all kinds of French fluting; has the best of City references. Call at No. 214 6th-av., near 14th-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUATION as chambermaid and to wait on the housework of a small family; the best of City reference. Can be seen at No. 15 West 12th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD GERman girl to do general housework. Apply at No. 234 Thirty-first-st., between Stanton and Houston sts., near the Bowery, first floor, in the rear.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WET NURSE BY a young and healthy woman with a fresh breast. Can be seen for two days at No. 29 East 35th-st.

WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN PROTESTANT girl, a situation to take care of children; can do plain sewing. Apply at No. 408 6th-av., top floor.

UNE MLLE. FRANCAISE, LATE FEMME de chambre, from the best families, wants to make some engagement with ladies to dress hair in the latest styles. Address L. O., No. 242 6th-av.

AT NO. 117 WAVERLEY-PLACE, (At her present employer's,) a healthy woman as wet nurse, with fresh breast of milk.

MALES.

WANTED—BY A HIGHLY RESPECTABLE, sober and steady man, with unexceptionable reference, a situation as waiter in a family. Call at No. 54 West 18th-st. for two days. No objection to go into the country.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN as gardener, who thoroughly understands his business in all its branches, and can come well recommended. Address M. C., Box No. 105 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION BY an Englishman; single; thoroughly understands his business; good reference, City and otherwise. Call or address private stable, No. 124 East 32d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN, hostler, or on a farm; experienced in all; first-class recommendations; country preferred. Address A. B., Box No. 218 *Times* Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—AN UNUSUAL INDUCEMENT IS offered to book-keepers and cashiers of manufacturing and other establishments employing a number of men, to increase their incomes without interfering with their regular duties. Address, with references, stating real name and where employed, M. P., Box No. 96 Post-office.

TO ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN.—A person competent to the duties of foreman in a first-class office may hear of a situation, with good salary, by applying at the office of Messrs. JAS. WARREN & SONS, No. 68 Front-st., Monday, Dec. 30, from 12 to 4 P. M. Must be a good and rapid detail draughtsman.

WANTED—IN A STOCK BROKER'S OFFICE, a young man about 18 years of age, who has served in the business before, and can bring unexceptionable reference from his last employers; he must know the various firms in the business. Answer in handwriting, Box No. 4,748 Post-office.

CLOTHING.

CHEAP OVERCOATS.
Two cases light blue overcoats.
LARGE CAPES.
BURDETT, JONES & CO.,
No. 109 West-st.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.
OFFICER CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Nov. 15, 1867.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. the 11th of January, 1868, for the transportation of military supplies during the year commencing April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869, on the following routes:
ROUTE NO. 2.
From Fort Harker, Kansas, East, Fort Hays, Kansas, and any other point or points that may be designated by the Chief Quartermaster Department of the Missouri, on the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to any places that may be designated by the shipping officer, in the State of Kansas and Territory of Colorado south of latitude 40 degrees North, and to Fort Union, New-Mexico, or other depot that may be designated in that Territory, and to any other points on the route to that depot.
ROUTE NO. 3.
From Fort Union, or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New-Mexico, to any posts or stations that are now or may be established in that Territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona, and in the State of Texas west of longitude 1.6 degrees.
ROUTE NO. 5.
From such point as may be designated on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, southwest branch of Missouri Pacific Railroad, or the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, or such other point as may be established as the military depot in that Territory.
The weight to be transported during the year will not exceed on Route No. 2, 20,000,000 pounds; on Route No. 3, 8,000,000 pounds; and on Route No. 5, 2,000,000 pounds. Proposals will be made for each route separately.
Bidders will state the rate

WEST INDIES.

Failure of Sanciprian & Co.—The Havana Almacenistas and Their Modus Operandi—Smuggling by Custom-house Officials—The Earthquake at Porto Rico.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1867.

The scenes of last December have not yet been forgotten by Havana merchants, and visions of the Court of Bankruptcy, and of a ruined reputation and an empty purse are still fresh in their memory. Perhaps before New Year's Day the play of last year will be reënacted, the prologue being already spoken and the piece itself having in fact commenced. The head of the house of SANCIPRIAN was missing on Saturday afternoon, having that same day been unable to meet his engagements. This house forms one of the celebrated clique of *Almacenistas*, or wholesale grocers, who started the now defunct Bossiers Bank, and who own Barbon's Bank, and control with an insignificant capital all the operations on the wharf. They are virtually the governing power and bosses of the importers and shippers; buy whatever they please and to any amount they choose, fail to meet their engagements whenever any of them feels inclined to do so, present themselves as bankrupts and finally retire to old Spain with a handsome competency.

All these proceedings bring a certain amount of misery to our suffering importers, and inflict heavy losses upon them, especially upon those working with a small capital. The liabilities of SANCIPRIAN & Co., are set down at about $750,000, while their assets must be in a very deplorable condition, as one of the creditors, Mr. E. B., has sold his claim for $10,000—at the rate of twenty cents on the dollar. Other houses with a capital of only $25,000 to $30,000 are involved to amounts ranging from $5,000 to $25,000, and the failure of SANCIPRIAN & Co. bringing them to the very verge of bankruptcy. Everybody who does business on the wharf is afraid that the whole fabric of these *Almacenistas* will tumble down when least expected, and any one conversant with the standing of Havana houses and their mode of operating and giving credit, knows that out of five hundred houses only about thirty would be able to withstand the shock, while the savings bank would be the only banking institution at all equal to keeping its doors open. Only two weeks ago another merchant ran away to New-Orleans; his liabilities, however, were very small, the principal sufferer being the Custom-house. His failure was caused by the rascality of a clerk who, it is said, defrauded the house of over $10,000.

THE NEW CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of Gen. LERSUNDI. Steamboats have gone forth to meet him, the streets are to be hung with festoons and flowers, while, best of all, a subscription is to be set afloat to obtain the necessary funds wherewith to start a school for workmen, which is to bear the name of the new Captain-General. The education of the laboring classes and artisans is very much neglected here, and in company with hundreds of busy drones, they may be seen every evening filling billiard and gambling saloons.

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN LADY.

Mrs. C. GOODWIN DE HERNANDEZ, an American lady residing in Guanabacoa, lost her life by being burned to death on Sunday last. She was heating a little varnish over the coals, when her clothes caught fire. She ran into the yard, when her child, a little girl aged two years, seeing her mother in flames and shouting, ran up to her, the fire communicating to the child's clothes at once. Both unfortunates lingered until morning, when death relieved them from their sufferings.

POISONING AFFAIR.

A wealthy negress and four of her slaves, living in the suburb Jesus Maria, died this week from the effects of poison. The case is now under investigation, and promises to give birth to interesting developments.

SMUGGLING IN THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

A heavy operation in the smuggling line, effected by the employes of the Santiago de Cuba Custom-house, has just been discovered by the authorities. Every official from the Collector (who had only taken the place on the day previous to the discovery) to the doorkeeper has been dismissed; but it is doubtful whether the new law ordering the trial of defaulting and swindling officials of the Revenue department will be put into operation for their especial benefit.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT PORTO RICO.

A letter from Ponce, dated Dec. 2, says: "The 18th of November will ever remain a memorable date for the inhabitants of these vales. The day was very sultry, and about 1 o'clock heavy, sullen, lead-colored clouds began settling down upon the mountains in the distance. The air became close and stifling; not a leaf stirred; not a bird was heard to sing: an overpowering calmness of the atmosphere prevailed; the clouds appeared immovable, and the sun shone with a strange light, its rays tinting the earth with a fiery copper color; the mountains exhaled thick vapors; at intervals deep, rumbling sounds were heard, as prognosticatory of a coming tempest. Finally, at 2:42 o'clock, came the crisis. It is said that the shock lasted forty-five seconds, but others say only forty. The oscillations were regular, excepting the few last, in which some little variations were observed; the direction was from southeast to northwest. Since the earthquake of Santa Rosa, in 1865, no such severe and prolonged shock has been felt. Many persons were in the streets discussing the probabilities of an earthquake, and visiting the points that suffered most on previous occasions, when suddenly a cry was heard. One second after this cry was repeated by thousands of souls, and instantaneously, as if by magic, the town of Ponce was left deserted. "The sea! the sea!" shouted the populace, beside themselves with terror. "The sea is coming!" cried several men rushing past, carrying children in their arms. "Run! run! to the cerro! to the cerro!" shouted others. Such was the severity of the shocks that in the faces of all was pictured anguish and terror. Men, women and children rushed toward the cerro, or heights, with such rapidity that in a minute its broad fields had the appearance of an immense camp. The people—no doubt terrified by the fabulous stories that had been circulated about the submersion of the island of Tortola—did not stop to reflect, but rushed toward the nearest heights, self-preservation being their only thought. At the cries of "The sea! the sea!" the mother called to her children, the wife to her husband; the air was filled with shouts that caused the stoutest heart to quail. Here a young girl fell to the ground fainting; there a child was seeking its mother, lost in the crowd; a little further on, a poor infirm old man vainly endeavored to reach the high ground; children were clustered around their parents; coaches and men on horseback were going to and fro, bringing weeping women and children; and amid all this disorder and horrible confusion none seemed to give an instant for ascertaining what was in reality taking place. An hour afterward, when calmness and order were being restored, it became known that the sea, half an hour after the first shock, had receded to its natural level, but only to return again, submerging that portion of the town nearest the shore. Beholding the first advance of the sea, several persons on horseback had rushed into the town spreading the alarm; the subsequent panic accomplished the rest. At 5:30 o'clock on the same afternoon a few oscillations were felt, as were also some more severe shocks at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 19th, since which time no record of the shocks experienced has been kept. In consequence of the earthquake, all buildings of masonry have been abandoned, many of them having sustained considerable damage, particularly the theatre, which has one of its lateral walls cracked from foundation to roof. The church has not yet been opened, but it is thought that it has suffered severely. The Government buildings and warehouses near the wharves have also been damaged, and almost all the chimnies of the boiling-houses on the estates have been leveled to the ground. All business is paralyzed, the stores are opened and shut to no purpose. The number of masons and carpenters is inadequate to the amount of work to be done. The time for gathering the crop is upon us, and there is no material wherewith to replace the ruined buildings. Add to this the misery and suffering of those rendered destitute, the exorbitant prices asked for articles of food and raiment that cannot be dispensed with, and what will come next!

A Te Deum was sung with great solemnity on Thursday afternoon last at the cathedral, the people thus giving thanks to the Almighty for the cessation of the terrible earthquakes that have affected us during the past six days. The entire clergy in full canonicals officiated. The Captain-General and all the military and civic authorities attended the service, as well as persons of all classes of society, who thronged the naves of the sacred edifice, imploring of the merciful God a cessation of the evils with which we have been afflicted. QUASIMODO.

Mr. Wilson's Course Relative to Impeachment.

The following letter from Hon. JAMES F. WILSON appears in the Burlington (Iowa) *Hawk Eye:*

FAIRFIELD, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1867.

To the Editor of the Hawk Eye:

I find in your issue of to-day an article from which I quote the following:

"We are informed by Mr. WILSON that he has not changed his views on the subject of impeaching President JOHNSON, and that he did not take grounds in favor of his impeachment in the canvass which he (Mr. WILSON) made before his constituents in 1866."

This is hardly a correct statement of our conversation, and is, doubtless, the result of inadvertence. You will remember that I said, on the occasion alluded to, that the subject of impeachment had not been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when I made my canvass in 1866; that I could not have formed an opinion of the particular case at that time; that upon the general case I had not, during that canvass, taken "a strong position in favor of impeachment," as was intimated in the article which you had copied from the Davenport *Gazette*, and of which we were at the time speaking; that I did say that during the canvass of 1866, when it was currently charged that the President contemplated the organization of a Congress to be composed of the supporters elected to that body from the Northern States, and persons claiming seats from the rebel States, and that it was his purpose to protect and maintain such illegal assemblage by force, if necessary, if he should attempt to carry out such a purpose he would be guilty of an impeachable offence, for which he would be immediately impeached, and that I would vote for it; that on the questions presented in the report made to the House of Representatives I had not changed; that I had not taken a position in favor of impeachment except upon a hypothetical case which was not involved in the one against which I reported; that if from the statement of a hypothetical case persons concluded that I was in favor of impeachment generally, I could not help it and that it was not my fault. This is substantially the conversation which transpired between us, and I am sure you will give it to your readers, however unimportant it may seem to you.

My action relative to the proposed impeachment of the President is before my constituents. I have nothing to add to nor take from it. I did what seemed to me a duty, and shall not quarrel with the consequences, whether they be to me personally pleasant or unpleasant. Yours, &c.,

JAMES F. WILSON.

Gen. Butler in New-York.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your editorial columns of this morning's TIMES I notice a letter from Gen. B. F. BUTLER and your comments thereon.

You seem to ignore the fact that although Gen. DIX commanded the "Department of the East" at that time, he had about as much to do with preserving the peace of New-York as President JOHNSON had with conducting "SHERIDAN'S ride" or SHERMAN'S great march through Georgia and no more. I do not wish to detract anything from the credit properly due Gen. DIX for what he has done during the war, but I do not see the justice of giving credit to the commander of a department for the meritorious acts of others who may be at the time subordinate to him, yet acting on their own responsibility.

Although before the war I was greatly opposed to Gen. BUTLER, his services at New-Orleans and in New-York should, I think, relieve him from the many calumnies and opprobriums that are now heaped upon him for faults, of which, in common with all mankind, he, of course, has his share.

Whatever may have been his errors and failings as a General in the field, surely the great executive powers he has displayed should give him some place in the esteem of all honest men.

Hoping that, in justice to the General, you will find room to insert this in your columns, I am, yours truly, S.

Payment of Soldiers' Bounties.

From the Chippewa (Wis.) Union & Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.

O. H. Stillson, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 6th has been received. Congress has done all in its power to hasten the payment of the bounties of the soldiers. Already about 140,000 have been allowed and paid, and I am assured that they are taking up each case in the order in which it was received, and that they are settling such cases much more rapidly than heretofore.

Congress not being satisfied with the progress that was being made in settling these cases, at the July session appointed a committee to investigate the cause of delay. Gen. WASHBURNE, of Indiana, was Chairman of the Committee. He informs me that they will be ready to report in a few days. As soon as that report comes in, and is printed, I will send you a copy.

I need not say that I shall at all times be glad to aid in the procurement of bounty for any one who may be entitled to it, and you will call on me always when you think I can be of service.

Truly, yours, C. C. WASHBURNE.

Letter From Secretary McCulloch.

The President of a Boston bank has received the following letter from Secretary McCULLOCH:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 24, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 21st inst. is received.

There is a good deal of difference of opinion among the members of Congress in regard to what shall be hereafter our financial policy. At the commencement of the session it seemed that the inflationists were in a decided majority; but before the adjournment for the holidays a more conservative spirit was manifested, and I am now quite hopeful that there will be no legislation by the present Congress favorable to the views of Gen. BUTLER or very adverse to those of the Secretary. We shall know better, however, when Congress again convenes.

With thanks for the uniform support which I have received at your hands, I remain,

Very truly yours, H. McCULLOCH.

Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction during the past fourteen days reveal only the ordinary routine of duties, nothing having occurred during this period at any of the institutions in their charge of special importance.

THE NEW OFFICES.

As before stated in the TIMES the site of the new offices of this department will be taken possession of on the 1st of May next, and as soon after as possible the required building will be raised. That site, it will be remembered, is the lot, 77 by 100 feet, corner of Third-avenue and Eleventh-street. Although the space will afford increased facility for the conduct of those duties of the department now carried on at No. 1 Bond-street, it will be scarcely adequate to the necessities it is called upon to meet. The daily attendance of those seeking what is known as out-door relief is always great, but is especially so during these Winter months when donations of coal are made. The applicants for this charity not only cram the room where they take their turn, but all the court-yard and frequently the footpath opposite the offices. They come there, most of them ill-clad, many of them all but shoeless; they stand waiting their turn for hours, for the work of giving orders must be done systematically and takes time; they are in fact, owing to the absence of proper office accommodation, made to feel most bitterly their poverty and their need. It is to remedy these evil things, which so badly illustrate the spirit of public charity, which the Commissioners claim they do their very best to represent, that the Board proposes in the new structure to provide such accommodation for the out-door poor, when their necessities send them in search of relief in this way, that they will at least be sheltered until their wants obtain a hearing. The lease of the building No. 1 Bond-street expires May 1, the day on which they will come into possession of the site of the new structure. During the erection of the latter they will hire offices somewhere in the neighborhood, and thus save a considerable portion of the $6,000 which they should otherwise have to pay did they renew their lease of the Bond-street offices for another year. They can manage with temporary accommodation of a limited kind for the Summer months, as then the calls upon them are comparatively few.

SCHOOL FOR IDIOT CHILDREN.

The school for idiot children, established in October, 1866, on Randal's Island, is working most satisfactorily. For the ten years prior to the establishment of this institution, a large number of children had been thrown upon the charities of the City. They were filthy in their habits, and, in the words of the annual report for 1866, being "regarded as hopeless of any mental or moral improvement, they were herded together without further care than to feed and clothe them." This condition of these unfortunates had become a matter of painful consideration to the Commissioners, yet they were for many years able to do but little toward the improvement of the children. Ultimately, however, their attention being called to the successful working of the system of education of idiot children adopted by Dr. WILBUR, at the State Asylum, they saw in the adoption of a like plan a fair hope that something really good could be done in this direction. At the request of the Commissioners, Dr. WILBUR visited the island, and made the suggestions since carried out. A school was instituted, and a teacher given to it who had been under special instruction at the State Asylum for three months. There were twelve children placed in her charge at the outset. Now she educates forty-two, and in each of these the benefit derived by judicious instruction is clearly marked. When it is desirable to punish them for any little breach of the discipline, to which even they must in a measure conform, the keeping them away from the school is the punishment, such is their pleasure in the glimpses of knowledge which their limited understandings permit them to receive.

Adroit Safe Robbery—The Alleged Robber Arrested.

Some days ago the safe in the office of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, at No. 229 Broadway, was robbed of about $1,100 under very peculiar circumstances. It had evidently been opened with its key, as there were no marks of any violence whatever having been done the lock. The key was always in the possession of LEROY J. LIVINGSTON, the ticket agent; and he, on the night of the robbery, had met a policeman, and telling him he had been robbed of the safe-key, and exhibiting a cut in his pants near the pocket in proof of the assertion, had asked the officer to keep a watch upon the office. On the morning succeeding the robbery LIVINGSTON had appeared at the office at the usual hour, and told again the story of his pocket having been picked on the previous evening. Mr. JAMES JONES, the General Agent of the Company, at once placed the matter in the hands of the Police, and the case was given to Officer TILLY, of the Third Precinct, and Detective BENNET, of Police Headquarters. Their first step was to examine the cut or rent in LIVINGSTON'S pocket, and finding that the seam had been neatly ripped and that the alleged cut had none of the jaggedness, bore no evidence of having been the hurried work of a pickpocket, they yesterday took LIVINGSTON into custody and locked him up. For a time he denied all knowledge of the robbery and adhered persistently to the story he had first told. He at last, however, it is said by the officers, confessed that he had himself robbed the safe and resorted to the ruse of the ripped seam and the story of the picked pocket to divert suspicion from himself. Only $182 in currency and five English sovereigns were found upon the person of the prisoner, and no trace of the remainder of the stolen money has yet been found. LIVINGSTON has been for some time in the employ of the Company, and formerly bore an irreproachable character, although latterly, it is alleged, it was suspected that he was a defaulter. The case will be fully investigated at the Tombs Police Court.

The Union League Club.

A special meeting of the Union League Club was held at the club-room last evening. The attendance was unusually large. The meeting was called that a project might be submitted to the members to lease the club-house of Mr. JEROME, corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Madison-avenue, for the term of ten years, (with the right to purchase,) for a club-house, that now occupied by the club being inadequate for its purposes. The resolution embodying this proposal was warmly received, and at once adopted. The building in question has a front on Madison-avenue of 50 feet, and on Twenty-sixth-street of 175. The proposed lease will cover the occupation of all the buildings now within the area so bounded—the theatre and stables and the furniture as it now stands. The rental is not yet precisely fixed, but somewhere about $18,000 per annum is the sum. It is expected that the theatre, which accommodates 400 seated, will prove a source of revenue to the Club. It will be let for lectures and the like. It is also mooted that rooms will be provided for members wishing to reside at their Club—bachelors and bachelors *pro tem.*—married members whose ladies are abroad or elsewhere, and also that home accommodation be afforded to non-resident members visiting the City who would prefer the Club cuisine to that of a hotel. If the project be carried out as proposed, it is expected that the grand opening night will be on the 22d of February, by which time it is understood the building will be ready for the occupancy of the Club. A resolution was also passed last evening limiting the number of members of the Club to one thousand.

Board of Supervisors.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. SMITH in the chair.

Mr. TWEED offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Corporation Counsel to urge upon the Supreme Court the importance of rendering an early decision in the matter of the *mandamus* against the Board of County Canvassers, directing the Board to canvass the vote for Supervisors.

Resolutions to pay JOHN HOUGHTALIN $500 for services rendered in compiling the annual report of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and the widow of Supervisor ELIJAH F. PURDY $1,740 30 for balance of salary due Mr. PURDY, were adopted.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next.

Nomination of Gen. Grant.

Under the resolutions adopted at the Grant Meeting at the Cooper Institute on the 4th inst., the following Committee of twenty-five was appointed to carry out the objects of that assemblage, and take measures calculated to secure the election of Gen. GRANT for President:

WILLIAM B. ASTOR,	HAMILTON FISH,
JAMES BROWN,	JOHN O. JONES,
PETER COOPER,	HENRY HILTON,
JAMES H. BANKER,	JONATHAN STURGES,
ROBERT L. STUART,	MOSES TAYLOR,
WM. T. BLODGETT,	SAMUEL WETMORE,
JOHN COCHRANE,	JOHN E. WILLIAMS,
S. B. CHITTENDEN,	FRED'K S. WINSTON,
WILLIAM E. DODGE,	WILLIAM H. WEBB,
JAMES HARPER,	BENJ. B. SHERMAN,
C. K. GARRISON,	F. B. CUTTING,
MOSES H. GRINNELL,	C. VANDERBILT,
ALEXANDER T. STEWART, Chairman.	

The first meeting of this Committee was held on Thursday evening, at the residence of their chairman, and was attended by nearly all the members. After organizing, by the appointment of Mr. ALEXANDER HILTON as Secretary, the Chairman proceeded to call the attention of the Committee to a practical discussion of the most feasible method to secure, as far as possible, the object for which they were appointed. In doing so, he said:

"That the meeting of the Committee, although preliminary, was very important, as it was necessary at this time to settle upon a course of action for adoption tending to carry into effect the views of the meeting at Cooper Institute, from which the Committee emanated. The main object being to secure the election of Gen. GRANT, the first thing to consider was how the Committee could aid in bringing about such a result.

He then gave a brief outline of what he regarded as necessary for the Committee to do.

First, He would avoid all conflicts with politicians, who might seek to use the Committee in behalf of candidates for Vice-President or any other position, giving all their efforts in aid of Gen. GRANT alone, upon the platform laid down by the meeting; that is, his past record for services to the country, and a confidence that his judgment in the future, as in the past, might be safely relied on to carry the Government through the many difficulties the country must necessarily encounter during the coming four years.

Second—He would issue a short business circular to all commercial men in the country, urging them to come out and do as had been done at Cooper Institute, not waiting for the politicians to lead, but give in advance of them such an expression of the public opinion in every locality as would leave no doubt as to the choice of the people for President, and thus, as it were, give embodiment to the general public sentiment outside of party men, and force the nomination of Gen. GRANT upon any political convention that might be held, either by Republicans or Democrats.

The names of various persons, to whom he would address this circular, could be obtained from the list of business friends and connections of the members of the Committee throughout the country, so as to embrace every person or firm of importance, exclusively of a business character, adding such others to the list as might be deemed useful with whom to open correspondence.

Mr. STEWART, in expressing his views of the course to be adopted, remarked that it would be perceived he avoided all connection with mere politicians, while at the same time no cause was given them for complaint.

In this acting, like men of business, they would be showing their fellow-citizens everywhere that they had a decided preference for Gen. GRANT as a safe man to trust as Chief Magistrate, and then as business men ask their commercial friends to come out in public meetings and do likewise. In this manner it seemed to him they would lead and eventually carry those who now control the people, and produce a lasting benefit to the whole country, in addition to setting an example for the future which might well be regarded as the beginning of a system to end in the people expressing in all cases, in advance of Conventions, their choice for leading public offices and officials.

In accordance with these views, Judge HILTON submitted the form of a circular letter, which, after earnest speeches by Messrs. Grinnell, Sturges, Garrison, Cochrane, Hilton, Cooper, Dodge, Chittenden and Winston, received the approval of the Committee, and was referred for adoption and circulation to an Executive Committee of five members, composed of Henry Hilton, Moses H. Grinnell, C. K. Garrison, William E. Dodge, John Cochrane, who were also authorized to proceed in the manner suggested by Mr. STEWART, by engaging clerks, copyists and committee rooms, opening correspondence throughout the country, with the business connections of the various gentlemen comprising the committee, and all others disposed to join in popular demonstrations of like character to that had at the Cooper Institute, so as to present the name of Gen. GRANT as the nominee of the people.

Mr. STEWART was made ex-officio member of the sub-committee, a meeting of which, for immediate action, was called for Friday.

Until suitable quarters can be rented, the Executive Committee will meet at the office of its Chairman, HENRY HILTON, No. 262 Broadway.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27—1:30 P. M.

Consols for money and the account, 92¾.
United States Five-twenty Bonds.....72½@72¾
Illino s Central Railway shares.....88¾
Erie Railway Shares.....49

FRANKFORT, Friday, Dec. 27—1:20 P. M.

United States Five-twenties, for the of issue 1862.....76¾@76⅞

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 27—1:30 P. M.

COTTON—The sales to-day will reach 10,000 bales.
Middling Uplands.....7¾d.
Middling Orleans.....7⅝d.

White California Wheat has declined to 10s. and No. 2 Milwaukie Red advanced to 10s. 9d.

Common Rosin has declined to 6s. 6d. for common Wilmington.

Other articles are without change.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27—1:20 P. M.

The prices of all articles in our markets remain the same as reported at 11:15 A. M.

ANTWERP, Friday, Dec. 27—1:20 A. M.

PETROLEUM—45f. for Standard White.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

Consols close at 92¾@92¾ for money, and 92¾ for account.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—There has been but little doing to-day, and the market closed flat at the following rates:

United States Five-twenty Bonds.....72¾
Illinois Central Railway Shares.....88¾
Erie Railway Shares.....48¾

FRANKFORT, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

United States Bonds closed at 76¾ for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

COTTON—The market closed without improvement in prices. The following are the authorized quotations:
Middling Uplands.....7¾d.
Middling Orleans.....7⅝d.

The sales of the day foot up 10,000 bales.

WEEKLY REPORT—The Brokers' Circular to-day reports as follows: Total sales of the week 41,000 bales, of which 10,000 bales went to exporters and 800 bales to speculators. Total stock in port 473,000 bales, of which 97,000 bales are American.

TRADE REPORT—The advices from Manchester continue unfavorable. The market for Goods and Yarns is inactive and heavy.

Breadstuffs, Provisions and Produce markets all close without change from the 1:20 P. M. quotations.

ANTWERP, Friday, Dec. 27—Evening.

PETROLEUM—There was little doing to-day in the market, which closed flat and nominal.

Domestic Markets.

CHICAGO, Friday, Dec. 27.

FLOUR active and firmer; Spring Extras, $8 75@$9. WHEAT firm but quiet at $1 02@$1 03 for No. 1, and $1 07 for No. 2. CORN—Old is neglected at 86½c@86¾c.; New quiet at 82¾c.@82¾c. OATS quiet and dull at 54½c.@54¾c. RYE quiet and steady at $1 50@$1 56. BARLEY inactive and nominal. PROVISIONS firm. MESS PORK, nominal, $20 80; Extra Prime, $15 50. LARD dull and nominal at 11¾c.@12c. GREEN MEATS quiet. HAMS, from the block 10¼c@11c. SHOULDERS nominal at 6¾c. DRESSED HOGS dull and declined 20c.; sales at $6 80@$7 80. LIVE HOGS quiet; Common to Medium declined 10c.@20c.; sales at $5 75@$7. BEEF CATTLE dull at $4@$4 62½ for fair to medium Cows and Steers. RECEIPTS—6,000 bbls. Flour, 6,000 bushels Wheat, 46,000 bushels Corn, 19,000 bushels Oats.

SHIPMENTS—8,000 bbls. Flour, 1,100 bushels Wheat, 28,000 bushels Corn.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Dec. 27.

FLOUR unchanged, and in limited demand. WHEAT firmer and scarce; $2 55 was asked and $2 50 offered for No. 1 Red. CORN dull at 83c.@86c. OATS dull at 46c.@46c. RYE, $1 60@$1 62. BARLEY firm at $1 65@$1 70 for No. 2. COTTON dull at 13¼c. for Middlings. WHISKY in moderate demand at 29c. DRESSED HOGS dull; there is no demand, owing to the warm weather, the best were offered at $6@$6 25 for the first good weather; receipts, 3,200 head: total packing to date, 290,000 head; the total for last season was 463,000 head. MESS PORK held at $21. Gold, 138¾ buying; 134 selling. Exchange firm.

BUFFALO, Friday, Dec. 27.

The market to-day was devoid of animation, and rates are nominally unchanged. Holders are generally firm, but in the absence of demand, the following quotations are the nearest approach to values: FLOUR—$10 25@$11 for Spring; $12@$12 25 for Amber; $12 50@$14 for White. RYE FLOUR, $6 75. Wheat, $2 15 and $2 08 for No. 1 and Spring. CORN, $1 15 for New and Old, in car lots. RYE, $1 60 for Western. PEAS, $1 20 for Free Canadian. MESS PORK, $22 for heavy; $21 for light. LARD, 13½c. DRESSED HOGS, 8c.@9c. BARLEY, $1 60@1 70 for State and Canada.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec. 27.

COTTON—Only a small business: Middling Uplands, 15¾c.; Middling Orleans, 15¾c. PETROLEUM steady; Crude 15c.; Refined, in bond, 22c. COFFEE dull; Rio, 18c.@24c. SUGAR steady. MOLASSES steady. FLOUR dull and prices are unchanged; Superfine, $7 25@$8 25; Extras, $8 75@$9 25; Western Extra family, $9@$11; Pennsylvania and Ohio do., $11@$13 50. WHEAT dull and weak; Red $2 45@$2 50. RYE, $1 75. CORN in good demand; sales 5,000 bushels Old Yellow at $1 46; New Yellow at $1 10@$1 20; Old Mixed Western, $1 35. OATS steady at 80c.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Friday, Dec. 27.

FLOUR unchanged with a moderate demand; sales 1,200 bbls. at $10 50 for No. 1 Spring; $12 50 for Red Winter; $13 for White; $13.75@$14 for Double Extra. WHEAT firm but quiet; sales 900 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $2 35. CORN quiet; sales of 400 bushels No. 1 Illinois at $1 30. Other grades nominal. CORN MEAL, $2 20 ₩ 100 lbs. MILL FEED scarce and firm: Shorts, $35; Shipstuffs, $40; Middlings, $45 ₩ ton. RAILROAD FREIGHTS—Flour to Boston, $1 10; to New-York, $1; to Albany, 67c.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 27.

SUGAR advanced ¼c. MOLASSES active and unchanged. FLOUR dull and depressed; Double Extra declined 25c.; other grades are unchanged. CORN dull at $1 07½@$1 10. OATS dull and unchanged. PORK very dull and no sales; quoted at $22. BACON nominal and retailing at 10¾c. for Shoulders, and 12¾c. for Clear Sides. LARD quoted at 13¾c. for prime Keg, and 14c. for Tierce. Sterling Exchange, nominal at 144@145. New-York Sight Exchange, ¾ ₩ cent. discount. Gold, 132¾@133.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Dec. 27.

COTTON very dull and flat; 15c. was bid for Middling. FLOUR quiet: there is some inquiry for Rio grades of shipping Flour. WHEAT very dull; good Pennsylvania Red, $2 40@$2 45; prime Maryland Red, $2 60@$2 65; choice Virginia Valley $2 75. CORN dull and declined 3½c.; prime dry White, $1 25; Yellow, $1 20@$1 25. OATS dull at 75c.@76c. RYE, steady at $1 70. PROVISION shunchanged.

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And bragged about their loyalty
Ere this old hat was new.

When this old hat was new,
The sons of that base crowd,
Revived the cry of "Loyalty,"
And hallowed it aloud;
The Government our fathers made
For them would never do,
And they have torn its bulwarks down
Since this old hat was new.

When this old hat was new,
There was no public debt,
No greenbacks took the place of gold;
No millionaire had yet
His pile in Seven-Thirties spent,
On which no tax was due;
But each man fairly paid his tax
When this old hat was new.

When this old hat was new,
This land was in its prime;
Miscegenation was unlaught
In all this happy clime;
And white folks then were thought as
Good as Sambo, cuff, or Sue;
But things have sadly changed about
Since this old hat was new.

When this old hat was new,
The poor white man was free,
And every year a bran new boy
Could dandle on his knee;
But now, for every child he has,
He is taxed till all is blue;
But things I tell you were not so
When this old hat was new.

When this old hat was new,
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Departure of Domestic Mails.

East Mails close at.....5 A. M., 1:30, 2:30 and 6 P. M.
Western Mails...5 A. M., 3:30, 4:30 6:30 and 4:15 P. M.
Middling Orleans.....5 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Newport and Fall River.....3 P. M.
New-York Central Railroad.....3 P. M.
North Mails.....5 A. M. and 4 P. M.
North Mail, Way.....5 A. M. and 2 P. M.
South Mail at.....5 A. M., and 4:30 P. M.
On Sundays all mails close at.....1:30 P. M.

Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 27—*In steamship Atalanta, from London*—Mrs. Sarah Ann Quails and family, Mrs. Henrietta Carillo, Elizabeth Crowley, Edward Strange, Wm. Hayes, Frans Foese, F. Paul, Jean Lafaille, Edward Larthon, Mrs. Bevens, Carmen Espino, Henry Bryant, Francois Ruppert, Michel Pierre.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

SUN RISES..... 7 23 | SUN SETS..... 4 40 | MOON SETS.... 7 25
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook,. 9 26 | Gov. Island. 10 14 | Hell Gate....11 36

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....FRIDAY, Dec. 27.

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Steamships Cimbria, (Hamb.,) Trautmann, Hamburg, Kunhardt & Co.; Somerset, (Brit.) Baltimore; Caledonia, (Brit.) McDonald, Glasgow, P. McDonald; Ville de Paris, (Fr.,) Surmont, Havre, G. Mackenzie; City of Antwerp, (Br.,) Mirehouse, Liverpool, J. G. Dale.

Barks Chauziel, (Bremen,) Frederichsen, Bremen, Hermann Koop & Co.; Crusader, Bradford, Sydney, N. S. W., R. W. Cameron.

Bark Transit, Johnson, Aspinwall, J. S. Ingraham.

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Schooners Evelina, Pierce, Barbadoes, D. Trowbridge & Co.; Plymouth Rock, Seavey, Boston, S. W. Lewis & Co.; O. C. Acker, Hobbie, Stamford; Marshal Perrin, Keene, Boston, Ferguson & Wood; James Freeman, Brown, Woods' Hole,